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OUTLINE

The Future: The development of cyborg technology cheapened human life. The sky city Tipharee dominated life on the surface, and directly beneath it, built on the trash it threw away, was a unique community called the Scrapyard. Amid a tumultuous city full of crime, people struggled to survive.

It was there that Ido, a cybernetic doctor in the Scrapyard, found the head of a cyborg several hundred years old in a pile of rubble. Miraculously resurrected, the girl was named Aika. She had lost her memory, but her flesh remembered the legendary martial art Panzer Kunst. With Ido by her side, she became a bounty hunter and started down the path to self-discovery.

But an incident caused by the genius Tipharean scientist known as Nova led to Ido's death. Aika herself was arrested as a criminal by the Tipharean organization G.I.B. She was then forced to become a TUNED, an agent of Tipharee, and began to hunt down Nova, who held the key to Ido's resurrection.

After a series of battles, Aika cornered and defeated Nova, but he revealed a shocking truth: The brains of the people of Tipharee had been replaced with microchips. Even they were nothing more than experimental guinea pigs.

Are Tiphareans human or machine? The secret revealed by Nova turns Tipharee upside down, and leads Aika into new battles...



Aika Yokoi:

A young girl discovered in a pile of trash. She lost her memory, but her body knows the legendary art of Panzer Kunst.



Aka Moadi:

A hero who saved humanity from a crisis. He is the father of Aika. He also is Tipharee.



Ping Wu:

A genius leader, with a great passion for justice. He is the father of Aika. He also is Tipharee.



Nova:

A scientific genius from Tipharee. An extremely dangerous man, he feels bound by his conscience.



Sechs:

A Tipharean scientist who wants to defeat Aika. He is the father of Aika. He also is Tipharee.



Eif & Zwölf:

Two Tipharean scientists who are the father of Aika. They are the father of Aika. They also are Tipharee.

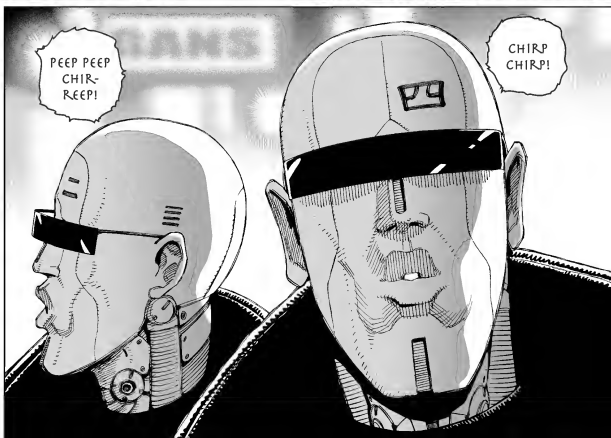
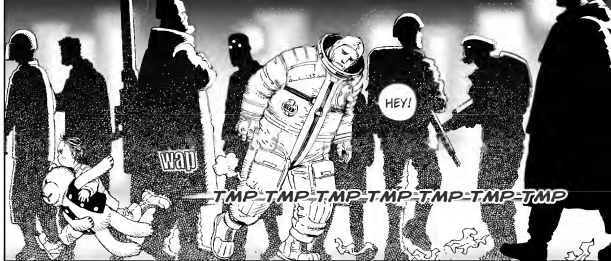


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PHASE 19

What Makes a Warrior

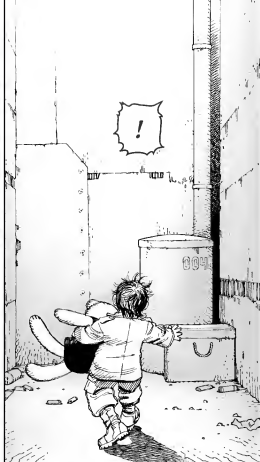
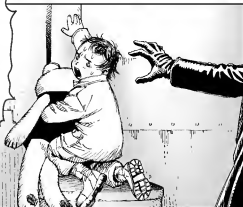






CHEEP
CHEEP!

WAAH!



HEY!



HELP
ME-E-E!

MOMMY!



LET
HIM
GO.



WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?



cli!



CHEE-
PA-
REEP!







HERTZA
HAEON!



I LOVE
THE
SMELL
OF THIS
ROTTEN
WORLD!



I SEE.
THAT'S
TOO
BAD.



GIRAUD.

WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

WHERE
DO YOU
LIVE?



HOW
SHOULD I
KNOW?

TAKE
HIM TO THE
ADMINIPOLICE.
THEY'LL TAKE
CARE OF HIM!



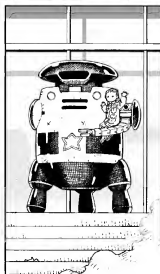
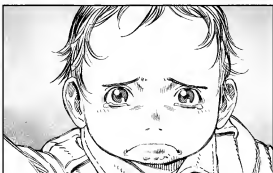
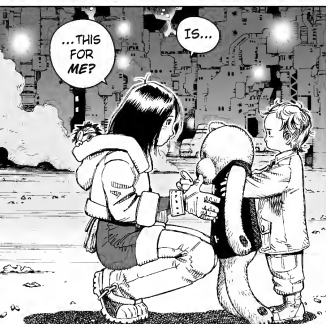
HUH?
A LOST
KID??

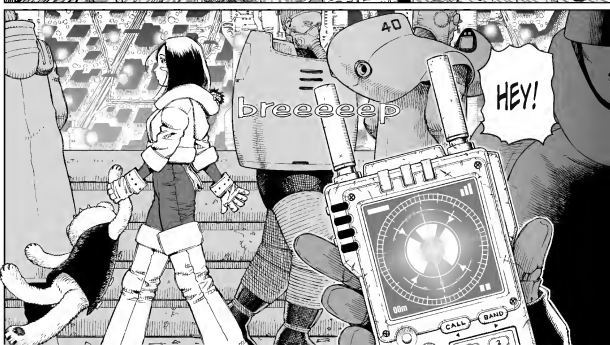
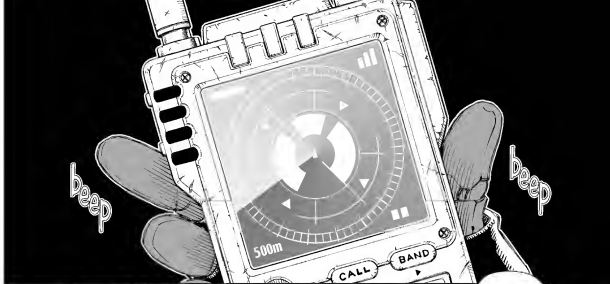
HELLO?
OH, PING'S
NOT HERE
RIGHT NOW.

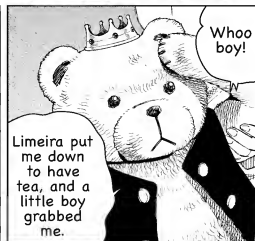
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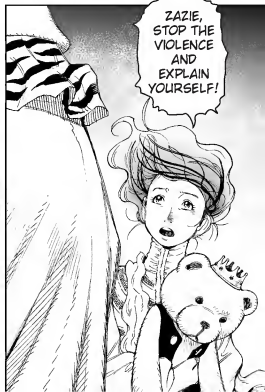
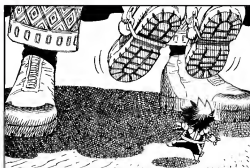
haha!

ADMINIPOLICE



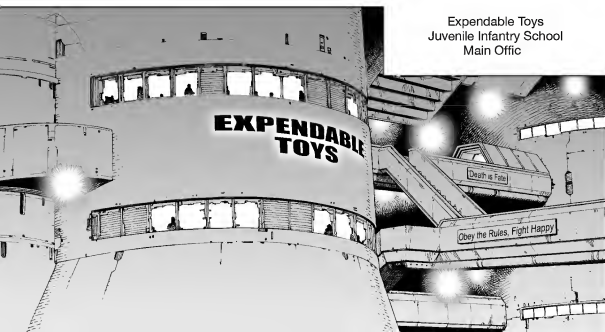
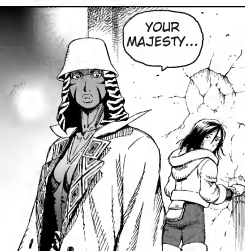


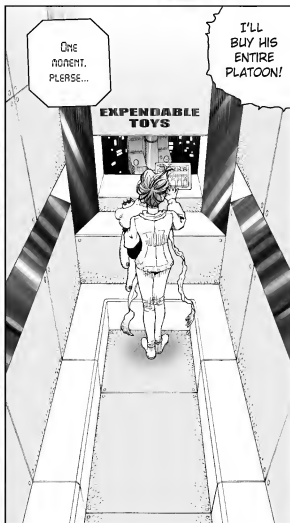
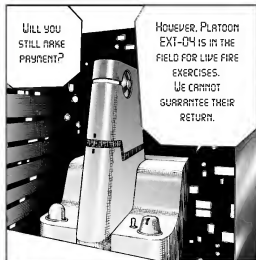






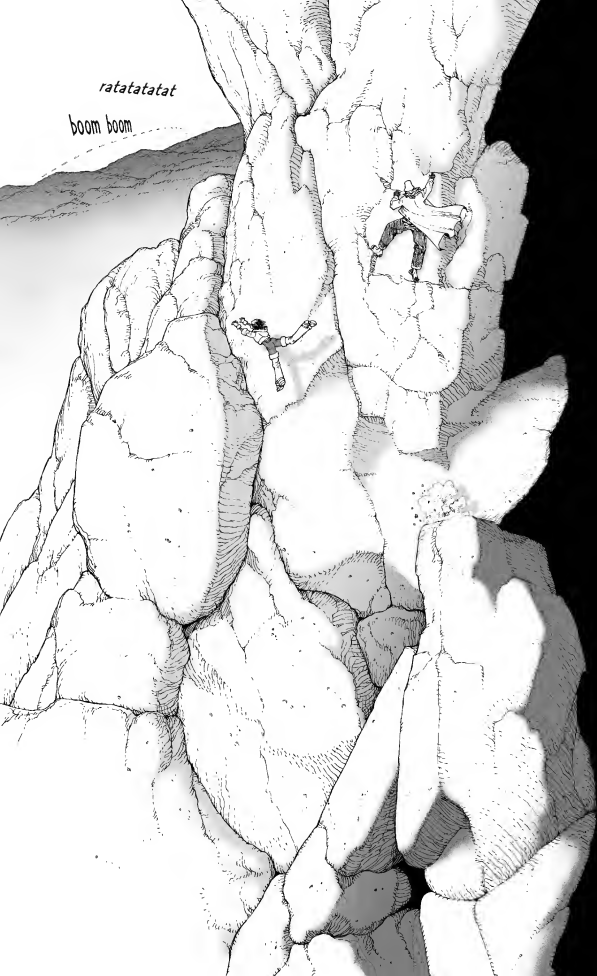






ratatatatat

boom boom





THIS
BLUFF IS A
CONSIDERABLE
SHORTCUT.

HOPE WE
MAKE IT
IN TIME...

HIS PLATOON
IS AFTER A
FLAG IN
HIGHLAND
CE-41... JUST
AHEAD OF
US!

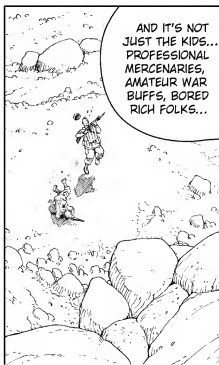


I WAS A
REGULAR IN
THIS COMBAT
CHAMBER
BEFORE I
BEGAN
SERVING
QUEEN
LIMEIRA.



WHAT WAS
THAT ABOUT
A FLAG,
ZAZIE?

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ALL ABOUT
THIS?



AND IT'S NOT
JUST THE KIDS...
PROFESSIONAL
MERCENARIES,
AMATEUR WAR
BUFFS, BORED
RICH FOLKS...

REGISTER
TO BE A
SOLDIER,
AND YOU
CAN FIGHT
OVER 'EM.

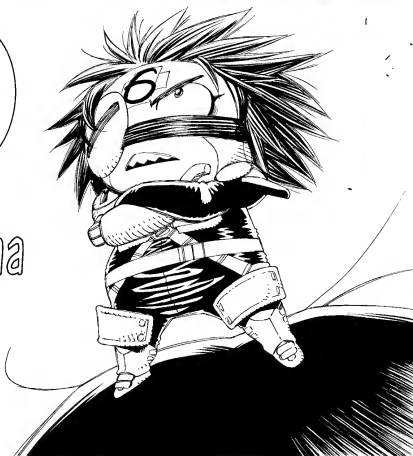
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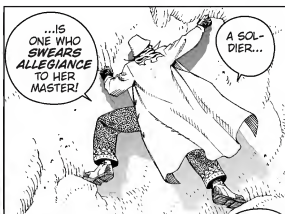


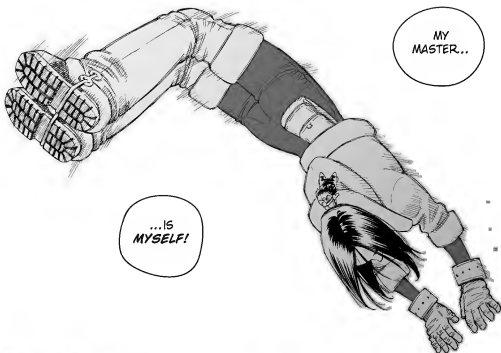
THEY
FLY
FLAGS
WITH
BOUNTIES
ON THEM
ALL OVER
THE
TERRAIN.



shaaaaa







MY
MASTER...

...IS
MYSELF!



BUT NOW,
TO BE
HONEST, I'M
NOT SURE!

ONCE, THAT'S
WHAT I
WOULD'VE
SAID, WITHOUT
HESITATION.

HEH.



...AND
UNTIL YOU
DISCOVER
IT, YOU'LL
KEEP
GROWING.

YOU'RE
STILL ON A
JOURNEY
TO FIND
YOUR
MASTER.



...SOME-
ONE TO
SHOW ME
THE WAY.

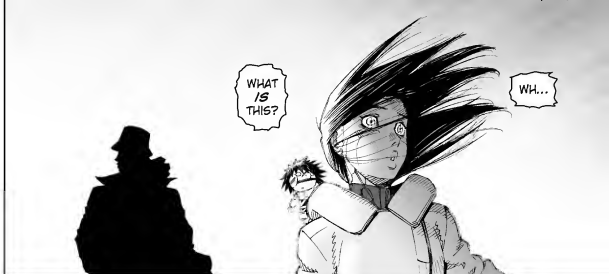
I WANT
A
GUIDE...



THERE'S
SOMETHING
DEEP INSIDE
ME THAT I
DON'T REC-
OGNIZE...

AND
UNTIL I
FIGURE
IT OUT...





WHAT
IS
THIS?

WH...



HAPPENS
ALL THE
TIME...

THESE
TWO CHILD
SQUADS
ANNIHILATED
EACH OTHER.

WE'RE
TOO
LATE...



WHY?

WHY DO
THEY MAKE
SUCH LITTLE
CHILDREN
KILL EACH
OTHER?!



GIRALD!



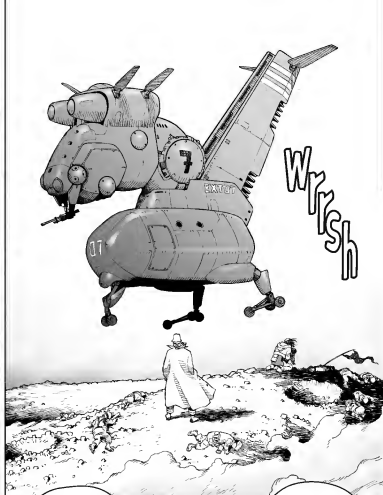
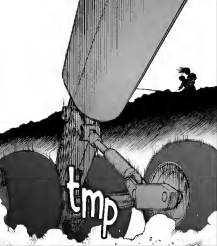
THEY
NEVER HAD
A CHANCE TO
CHOOSE A
MASTER!

THEY TELL
THESE KIDS
THEY'LL BE
RETURNED TO
THEIR PAREN-
TS IF THEY
GET THE FLAG-
AND THE KIDS
BELIEVE IT!



SO THIS
IS ALLE-
GIANCE,
HUH?

NO!



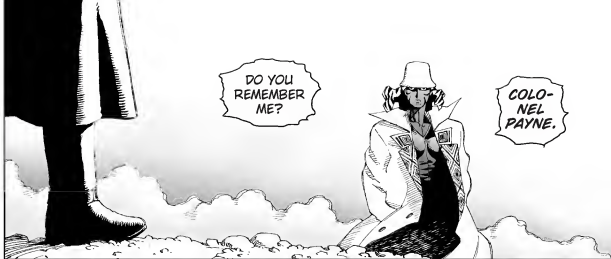
YOU MAY
TAKE YOUR
CORPSES!
THEY'RE
BOUGHT AND
PAID FOR!

MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
SALVAGE A
FEW AS
CYBORGS.
HEH, HEH...



ALL THANKS
TO THEIR
EXCELLENT
COMBAT
TRAINING!

ALL DEAD,
I SEE!
GOOD,
GOOD!



DO YOU
REMEMBER
ME?

COLO-
NEL
PAYNE.



YOU
INHUMAN
BASTARD!

I'D HOPED
NEVER
TO SEE
YOU
AGAIN...



AFTER ALL,
YOU'RE ONE
OF OUR
SCHOOL'S
FINEST
GRADUATES.

ZAZIE!
HOW
COULD I
FORGET?



BECAUSE WE
WANT THEM TO
TASTE ULTIMATE
FREEDOM AND
THE RICHNESS
OF LIFE, SHORT
THOUGH IT MAY
BE!

WHY GO
TO ALL THE
TROUBLE
TO TRAIN
AND ARM
THEM?!

EVEN
SLAVES
ARE SET
FREE IN
BATTLE!



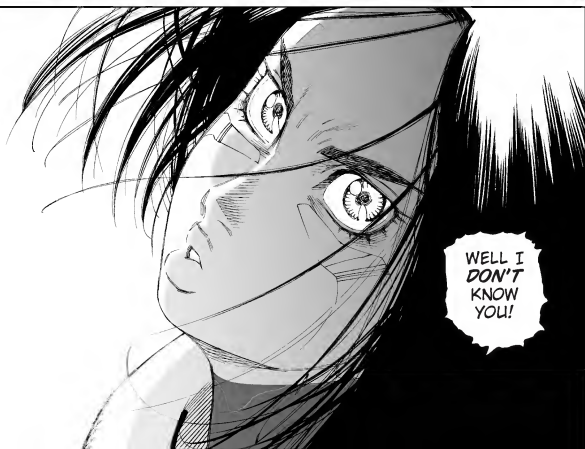
I LIKE
YOUR
ATTITUDE,
OLD MAN.

hmm!

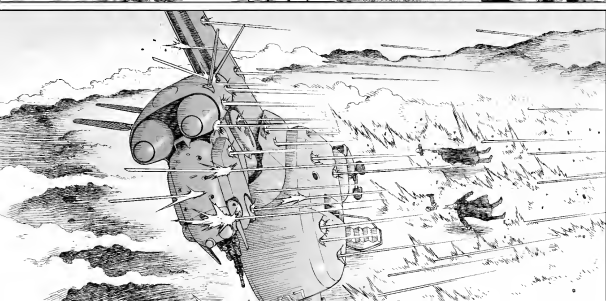
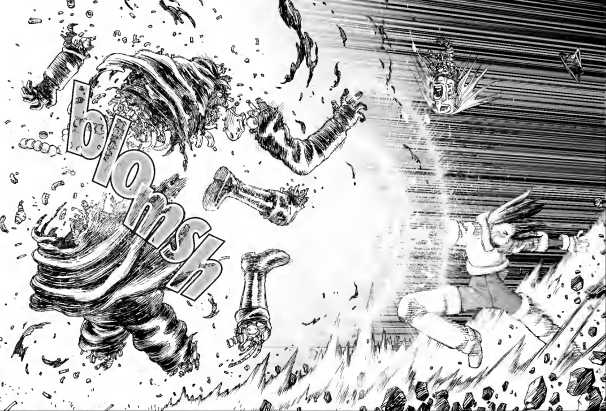


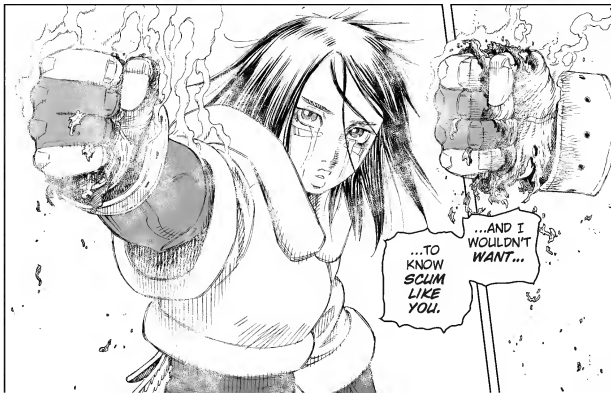
I'M HURT!
THERE ARE
FEW MEN
AS
MERCIFUL
AS I!

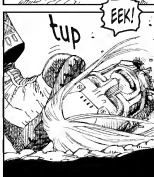
IF ONE
MERELY
WANTED TO GET
RID OF THESE
BRATS, ONE
COULD SIMPLY
TOSS THEM OUT
THE AIRLOCK!















PHASE 20

Good Punch!



shaaa



LOOKS
LIKE I'M
LOST...

SECHS!

ZAZIE!



YOU...

...CALLED?

WHO...?

I DIDN'T
CALL
YOU.





Y-
YOU'RE...
COLONEL
PAYNE!

BUT I
KILLED
YOU...!



AH, BUT
YOU DID!

YOU CALLED
FOR ME!

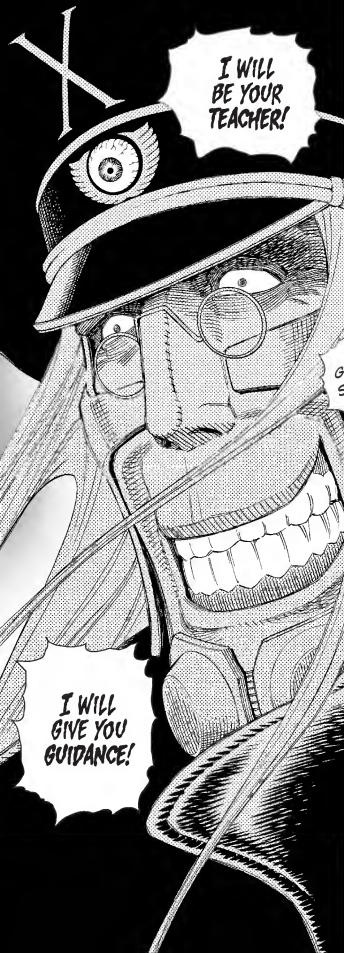
Shaaa



YES...
THAT WAS
A GOOD
PUNCH!

BUT EVEN
IF YOU DID
DESTROY
MY BODY...

...YOU
COULDN'T
DESTROY MY
GEIST!



I WILL
BE YOUR
TEACHER!

I WILL
GIVE YOU
GUIDANCE!



I-I DON'T
BELIEVE IN
GHOSTS!

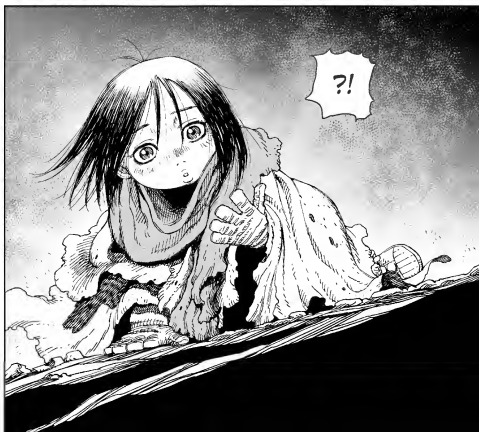
GET
AWAY!

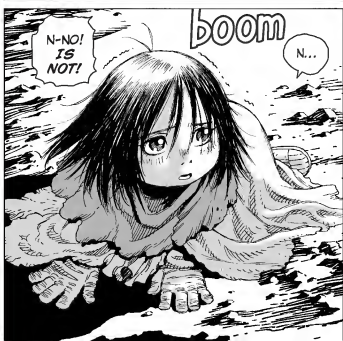
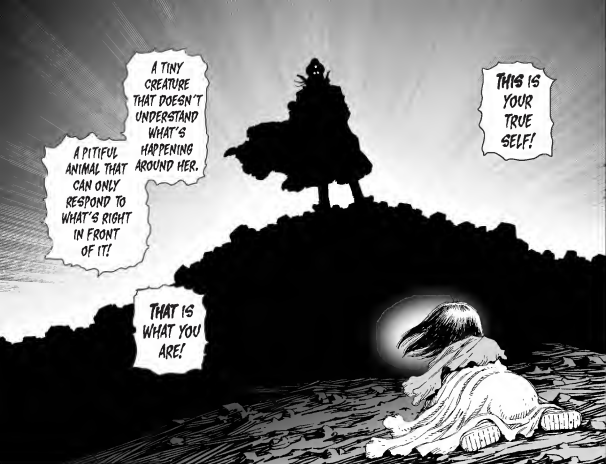
GO ON!
SHOO!



HEH HEH...
I KNOW
WHAT YOU
WANT!

YOU WANT
A TEACHER,
DON'T
YOU?





THAT ONE DAY
YOU WILL CROSS
THE THRESHOLD
AND BECOME
COMPLETELY
HUMAN...

YOU STILL BELIEVE
YOU CAN OVERCOME
YOUR SPIRITUAL AND
PHYSICAL LIMITS
THROUGH MARTIAL
TRAINING...

bwam

YOU SHOULD
ABANDON THIS
FALSE HOPE!

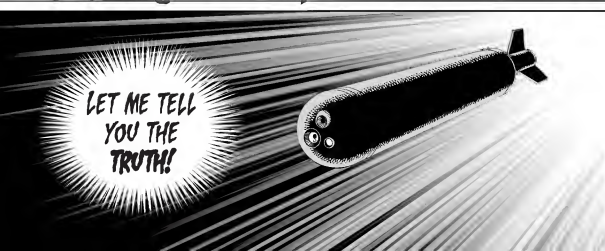
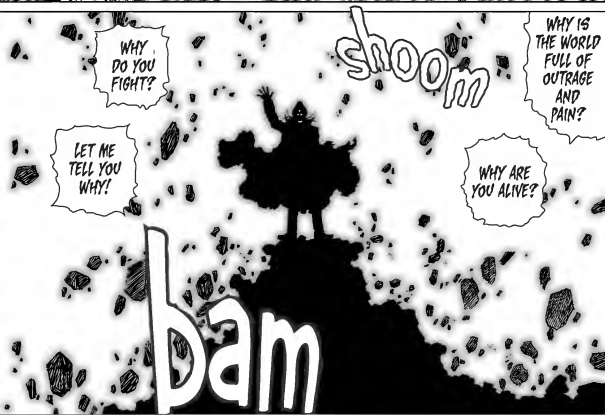
Vwoosh

STORIES OF
SAINTS AND
WISE MEN ARE
LIES FROM A
BYGONE AGE!

THE ONLY
REWARD FOR
THOSE WHO
BELIEVE THEM
IS ETERNAL
DESPAIR!

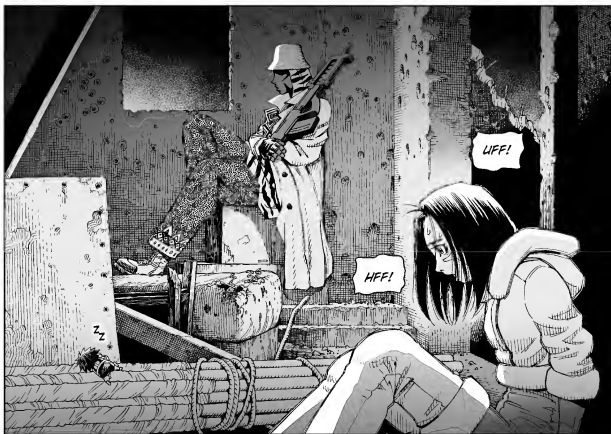
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A SOLDIER IS
A KILLER BY
ANOTHER
NAME!

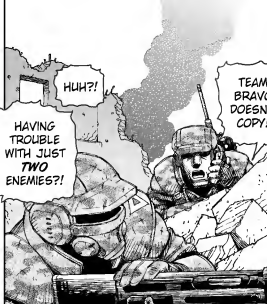


**I DON'T
WANNA
HEAR
IT!!**

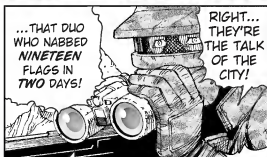








Next Day
Combat Chamber Area G
Green Flag Point



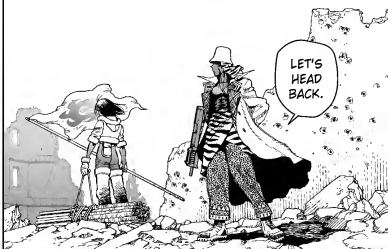


A FITTING
MEMORIAL
FOR THE
CHILDREN
WHO DIED.

...SAME AS
THE NUMBER
OF KIDS IN
GIRAUD'S
PLATOON...

THAT'S
NUMBER
TWENTY!







IT'S A
CRAZY
IDEA,
BUT...



YOU'RE
CAN'T BE
THINK-
ING...



...IF ONE FLAG
IS WORTH
THE LIVES OF
GIRAUD AND THE
NINETEEN WITH
HIM...

...HOW MANY
KIDS COULD WE
SAVE IF WE HAD
ALL THE FLAGS
IN HERE?

WHEN I
THINK OF IT
THAT WAY...





EVEN
IF I
KNOW IT'S
FUTILE...!

I CAN'T
STAND BY
AND DO
NOTHING!



AS LONG
AS LADDER
RULES THIS
WORLD, THE
TRAGEDY WILL
CONTINUE.

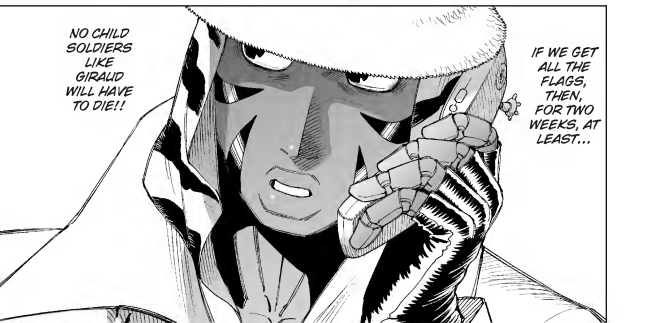
COLONEL
PAYNE ISN'T
THE ONLY
OWNER OF
A JUVENILE
INFANTRY
SCHOOL.

FUTILE...?



IT WOULDN'T
SOLVE
ANYTHING...
AND YET...!

TWO WEEKS
LATER,
THE FLAGS
WOULD BE
PUT UP
AGAIN.



NO CHILD
SOLDIERS
LIKE
GIRALD
WILL HAVE
TO DIE!!

IF WE GET
ALL THE
FLAGS,
THEN,
FOR TWO
WEEKS, AT
LEAST...



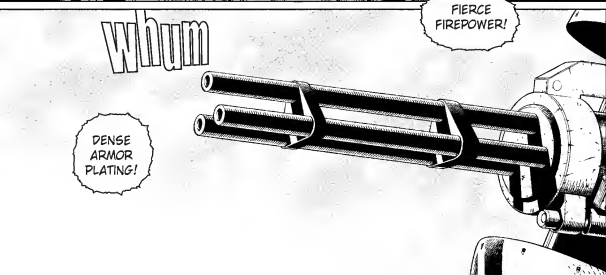
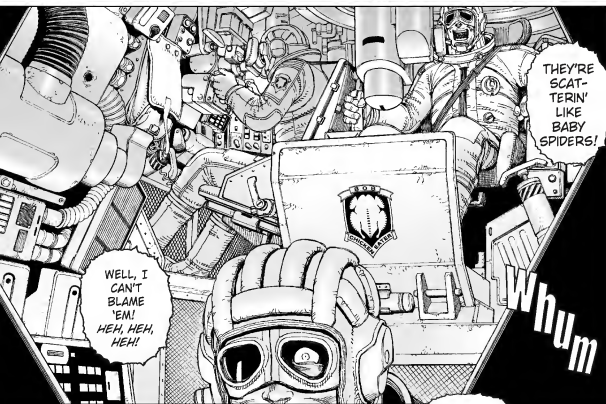
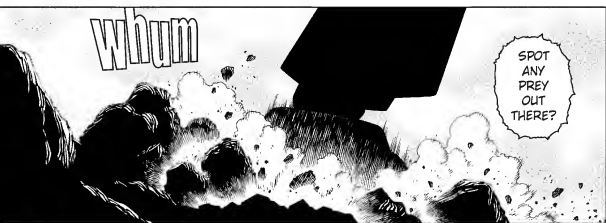
WHEN WILL
THE FIRE IN
YOUR HEART
SPUTTER AND
DIE?

EVEN THE
STARS IN THE
NIGHT SKY
WILL BURN
OUT ONE DAY.

HOW EAGERLY
I AWAIT
THAT DAY!!







PHASE 21

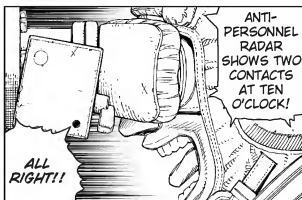
Let Me Give You Some Advice

Even
though it's
used!

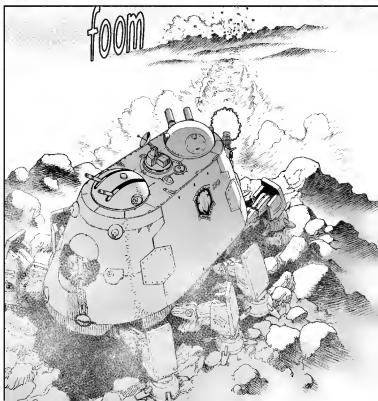
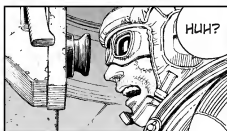
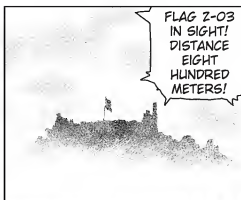
NO ONE CAN
FACE DOWN
SLEIPNIR*,
OUR JOVIAN
GALLOPING
SPACE TANK!

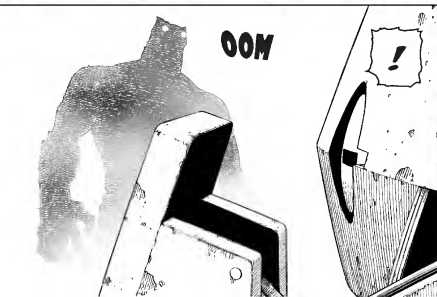
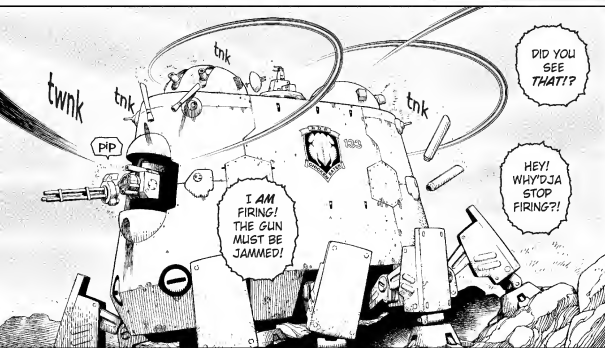
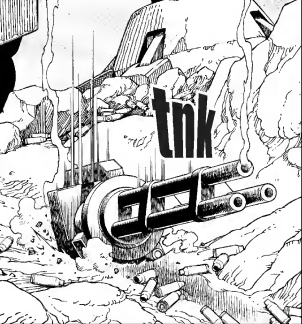
Whum!

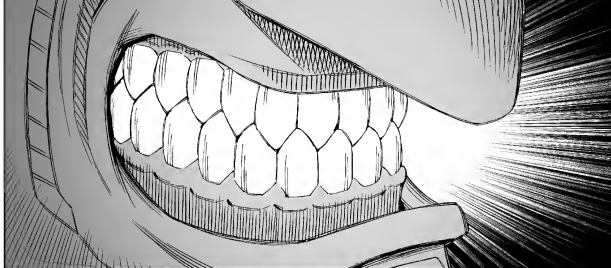
*Sleipnir: Odin's eight-legged horse from Norse mythology.



ANTI-
PERSONNEL
RADAR
SHOWS TWO
CONTACTS
AT TEN
O'CLOCK!









JUST
SEVEN
WEEKS
LEFT.

NOT MUCH TIME
UNTIL THE Z.O.T.
TOURNAMENT...

NO.

OTHER
STRONG
WAR-
RIORS...

LET'S STOP
WAITING FOR
THE OTHER
TWO AND
CONQUER
THE ZOTT
OURSELVES!

HEEHEE
HEE...
DIDN'T
BREAK A
SWEAT!

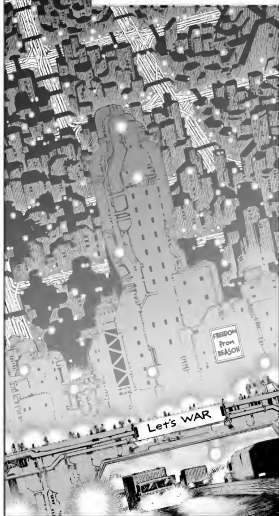
*fwep
fwep*

SOONER OR
LATER, THEY
WILL COME
FOR THIS
FLAG.

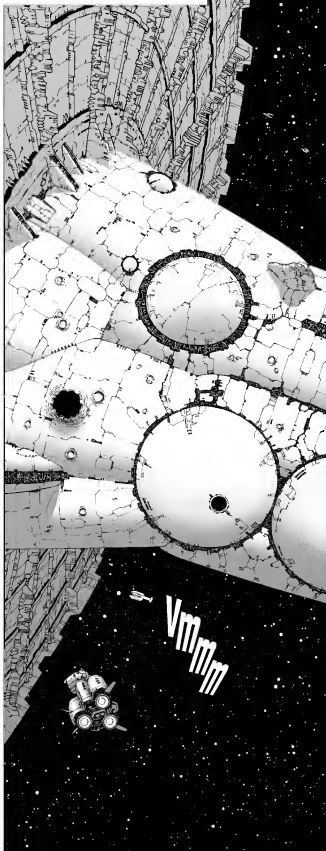
I CAN
FEEL IT
IN THE
VIBRA-
TIONS OF
THE AIR.

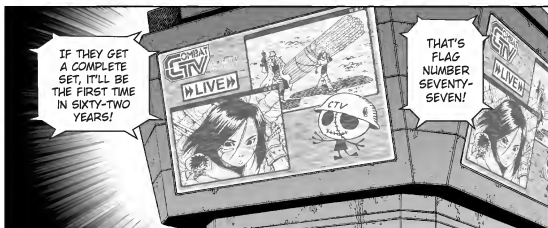
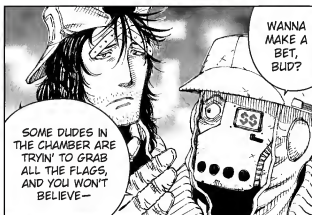
FIGHT IN
THE
CHAMBER
SOME-
WHERE...

Hobbes City



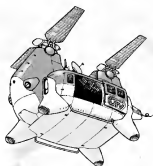
Leviathan I



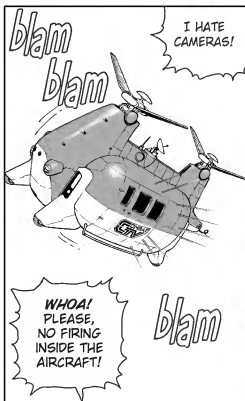
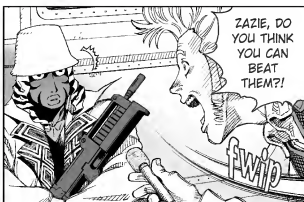


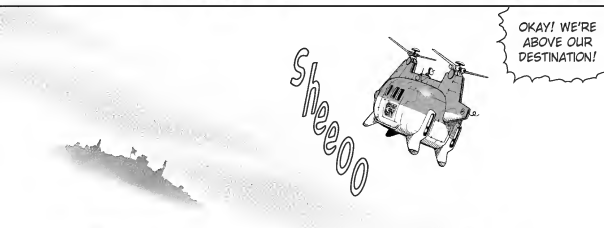


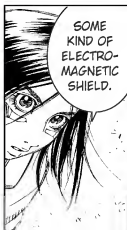
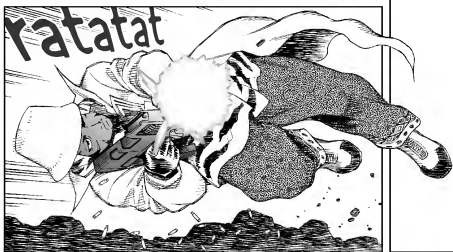
whoosh











FIRST,
ALLOW
ME TO
INTRODUCE
MYSELF...

DO NOT
PANIC!

I'M GAVIT
OF THE
GADOKAI!

I AM
HEIR
TO THE
TENGU
STYLE...

...HOGAN!

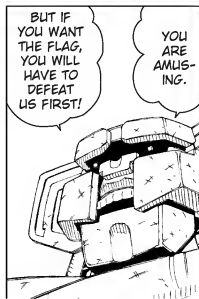
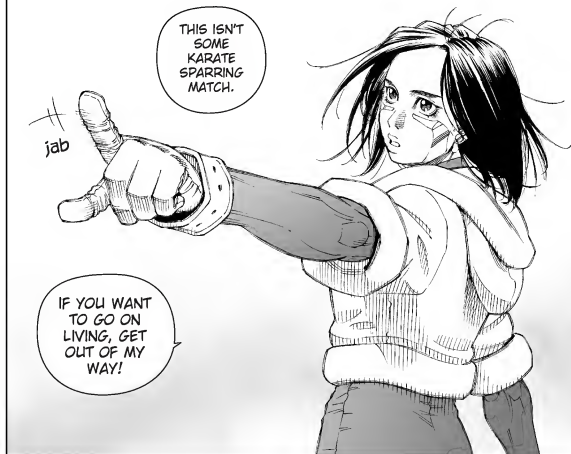
I AM THE
EIGHTH-DAN
SLAUGHTER
MASTER
IN SUPER
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
KARATE...

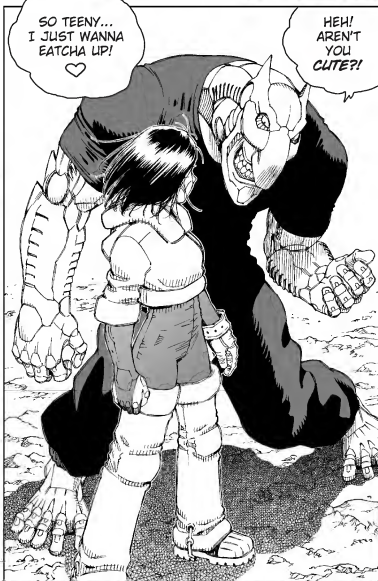
TOJI!

AND I
HAVE ONE
WARNING
FOR YOU...

I'M
ZAZIE.

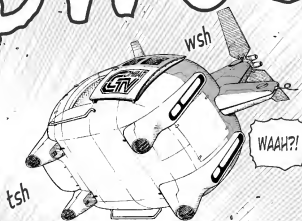
ALITA.







bwooo



oom



WAM



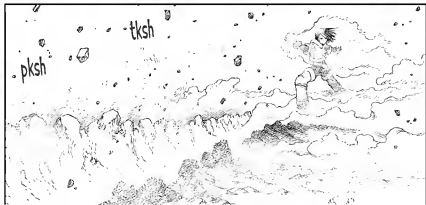
THERE'LL
BE
NOTHING
LEFT!

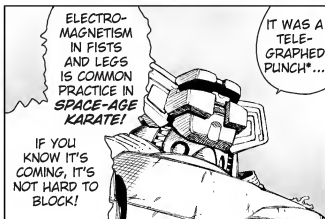
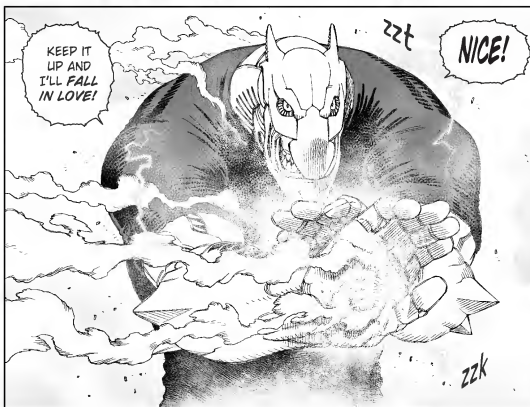
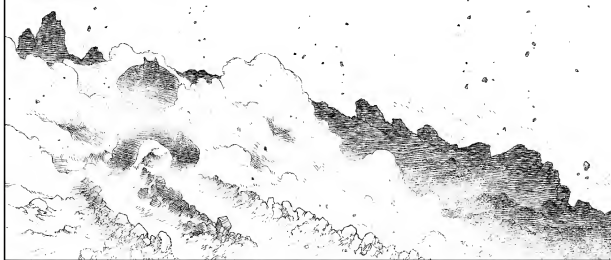
HER
GESCHLOSS
SCHLAG IS
ALREADY FASTER
THAN SOUND,
BUT, IN THIS
ORIGINAL MOVE,
SHE ELECTRO-
MAGNETICALLY
ACCELERATES
HER FIST TO
SUPERSONIC
SPEED.

ULTRA-
EXTREME
PUNCH!

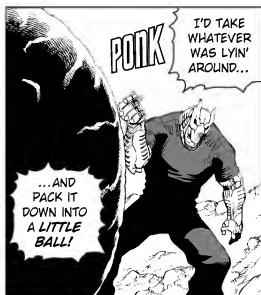
I just
named
it.

WHAT
WAS
THAT?!





***Telegraphed punch:** When the windup for a punch is too big, making it easy to observe that it's coming beforehand.



*Scarab: A type of beetle known for rolling around balls of animal dung. Known by the name *funkorogashi* ("dung-roller") in Japanese.



THAT WALK-
ING TANK
IS NEARLY
UNRECOG-
NIZABLE!

THE TANK
THAT WENT
MISSING
IN THIS
AREA THIS
MORNING!



THA-
THAT'S
...



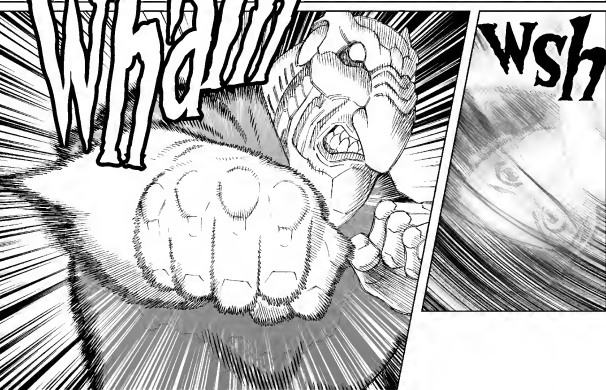
I'M GONNA
POUND YOU
INTO MY BALL
OF METAL,
TOO!



ONCE I
START A
BALL, I
WANT TO
SEE IT...

...GET
BIGGER
AND
BIGGER!

wak wak
fwack
wak wak



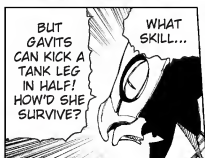


?!

shwr

fsh

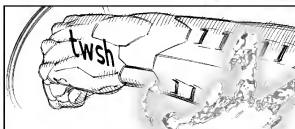
BAM

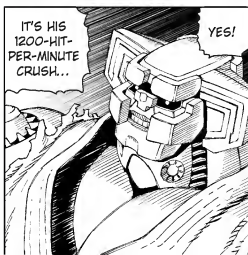






IT'S A
TRAP!

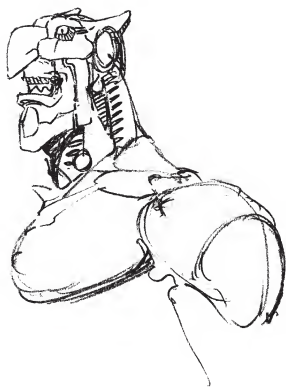




PHALANX!

V
W
O
O
sh





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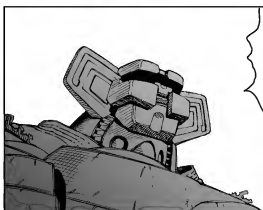
Did You See That?!





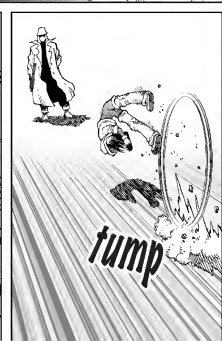
"THE BEST
DEFENSE IS
A GOOD
OFFENSE!"

IT
EMBOD-
IES THE
SAY-
ING...



THE TURBINES ON
HIS BACK CREATE
A POWERFUL
CONTINUOUS
PUNCH HE CALLS
THE "PHALANX"!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
TO COUNTER
BLOWS LIKE
THAT!

***Phalanx**: A type of heavy infantry formation used in ancient Greece, used to great effect by Alexander the Great's Macedonian forces.



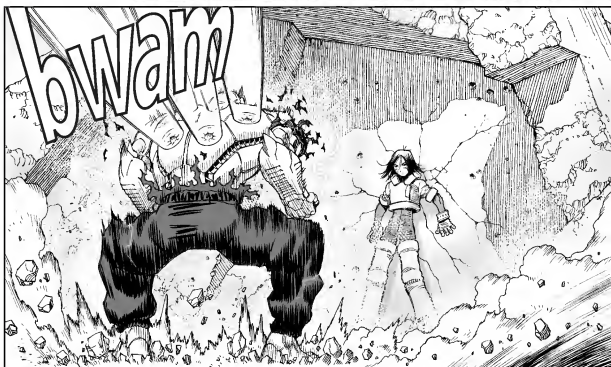




THEN 400
BLOWS PER
SECOND
MAY BE
POSSIBLE!

GAVIT HAS
TURNED OFF
HIS LIMITER.

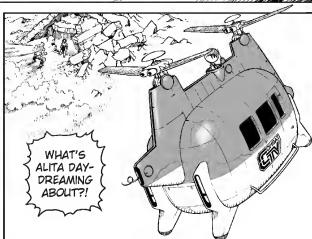
BUT...HE CAN
ONLY FUNCTION AT
MAXIMUM POWER
FOR TEN SECONDS!
THE STRAIN WILL
PULVERIZE HIS
BODY.



OR...
DOES SHE
HAVE A
PLAN?

THAT'S A
ROTTEN
POSITION!
SHE'S GOT
TO MOVE!

WHAT'S
ALITA DAY-
DREAMING
ABOUT?!





IF I CAN,
THEN I'VE
EXCEEDED
MY OLD
POWERS!



...CAN I READ
HIS CHI*
WITHOUT
LEAVING MY
PHYSICAL
BODY?

I CAN
READ HIS
KIZASHI,*
BUT...

*Kizashi: Subtle mental and physical predictors that occur just before intended actions.
*Chi: Source of timing and concentration in any body. See Battle Angel Alita, chapter 16.



fwoom





vwaam



THIS
TIME HE
GOT
HER!

IDiot!
LOOK A
LITTLE
CLOSER!



WHA-!?
OVER
THERE!?



SHE'S
COUN-
TERED IT,
GAVIT!
STOP THE
BAR-
RAGE!!



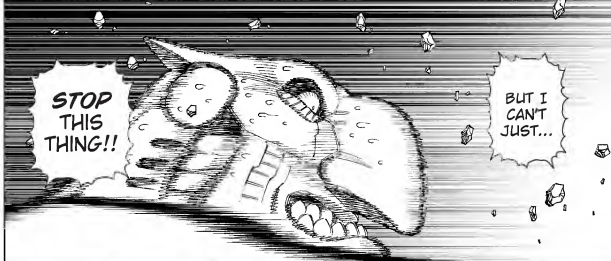
SHE'S MUCH
SHARPER THAN
WHEN I
FOUGHT HER
LAST!



SHE JUST
READS IT AND
HIDES NEAR
HIS CHEST!
SHE'S SAFE!

THE
STRATEGY
IS SIMPLE.
BUT TO ACTU-
ALLY PULL IT
OFF...

GAVIT'S
FIRST
STRIKE
COMES
RIGHT AT
HER.



SHE IS
CLEARLY NO
ORDINARY
WARRIOR!

SHE BROKE
THROUGH
GAVIT'S
AFTER BURNER
HEAD-ON!

kraki

HM!!

Wmp

blam

bam

fap
fap
fap

fwap

CAW!

YOU'RE
MINE.





DID
YOU
SEE
THAT
?!



...COLONEL
PAYNE?



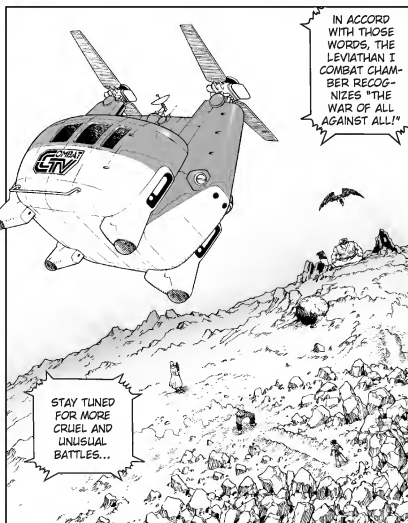
DID
YOU
SEE
IT...

A REALITY
STRONGER
THAN ALL
YOUR EMPTY
WORDS!



THIS
IS
ME!





***Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679):** A British political philosopher. His best-known work is "Leviathan" (1651).

I TOLD
YOU, GUNS
DON'T WORK
ON ME!

STUB-
BORN
LITTLE...

vwip

vip vwip

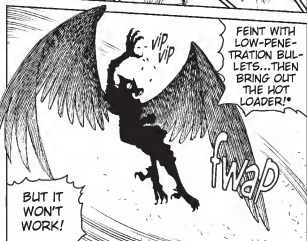
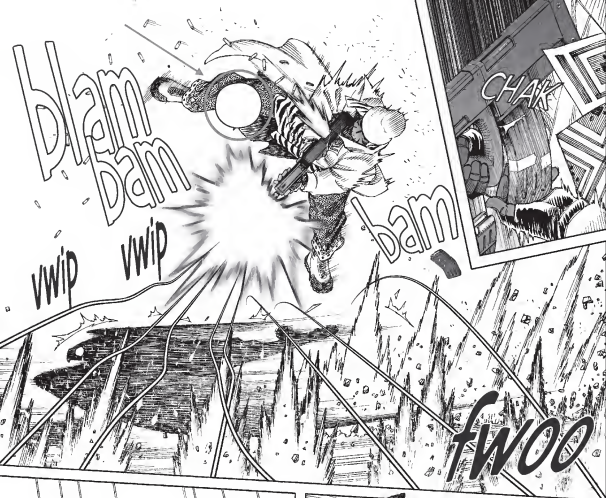
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COUNT-
ING OUT
GUNS IS
A RISKY
MOVE.

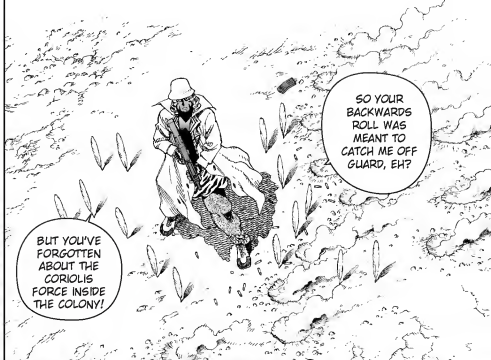
blambam
bam

fwash

KOTENGU-
STYLE
SLIDING
BLADE
ATTACK!



*Hot loader: A modded cartridge using explosive powder that's stronger than specs allow. It places great strain on the gun itself, which makes long-term use dangerous.





YOU ARE NOT
WORTHY TO
FACE ME!

PARALYZED?
THIS IS THE
KOTENGU
FEATHER
TRAP!



NOW DIE!
KOTENGU
SLICE-
AND-DICE
AX CHOP!



A large, stylized sound effect 'ZOOSH' is written across the lower half of the page. The owl's head is visible in the background, looking forward. The wings are spread wide, and there are many motion lines radiating from the bottom, suggesting a powerful attack or a fall.



WHA?!

BOOM



HUH?!



IS THAT A...
GRENADE?!

tup,
tup!



BUT...!

VERY
NICE!
BROKE
MY
FEATHER
TRAP IN
THE
BLAST!



FWsh



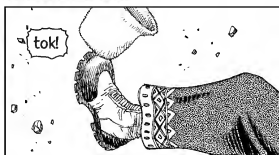
fssh

!



bam bam bam





...WITH THE
POWERFUL
PUNCHES OF
OKINAWA
THROWN IN!
IT'S THE LATEST
SPACE-AGE
FIGHTING
TECHNIQUE.

**KOTENGU
STYLE**
EVOLVED FROM
TENGU KARATE,
CREATED BY THE
FOREST NINJAS
OF JAPAN...

WHY DO
YOU THROW
DOWN YOUR
GUN?

SO...

klink

HMM.

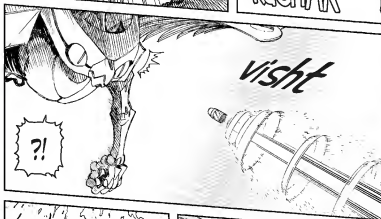
IT'S A
REAL
BATTLE
OF WITS!

WHA...?

I would've
fallen for
that!

WHILE WE
FOUGHT, YOU
PUT SOME-
THING IN MY
GUN, DIDN'T
YOU!?

THINK
I'LL FALL
FOR AN
OLD
TRICK
LIKE
THAT?





HOW CARELESS!
BUT NOW THAT
I KNOW, I CAN
KNOCK BULLETS
THAT SLOW OUT
OF THE AIR...

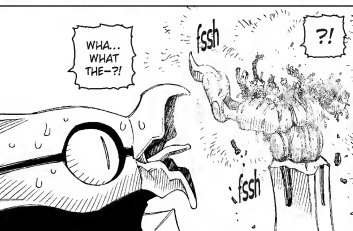
ONE
BROKEN
WING
WON'T
KEEP ME
DOWN...

boom



I
FORGOT TO
MENTION...
THESE
EXPLOSIVE
ROUNDS
ARE
MADE OF
PLASTIC!

YOUR
SHIELD
IS
USE-
LESS!



WHA...
WHAT
THE-?!

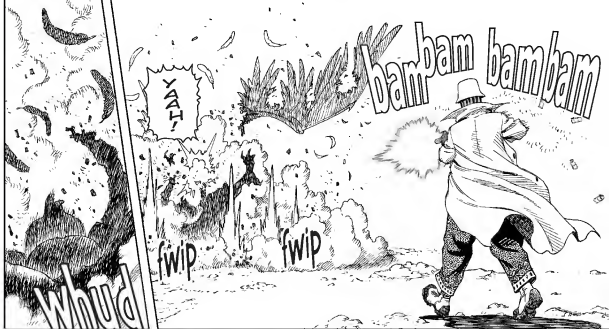
fssh

?!
fssh



WATCH
YOUR STEP!
I PLANTED
SOME LAND
MINES OVER
THERE
EARLIER...

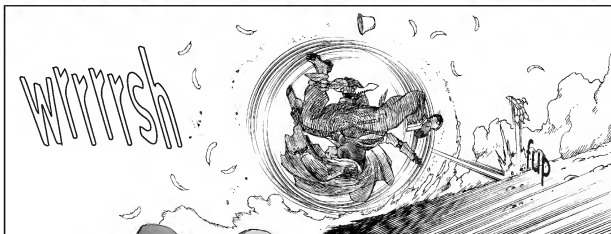


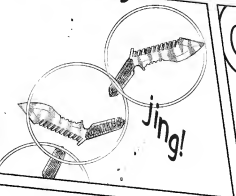


**THE
SECRET
KOTENGU-
STYLE
TORNADO
SCYTHE!**

Whoom



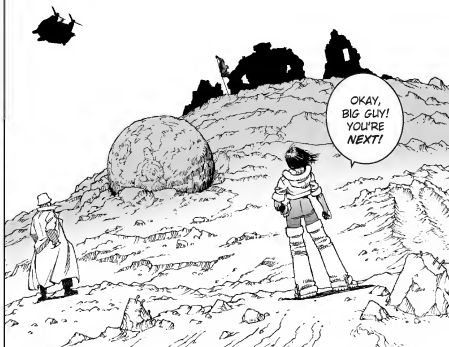




SPIN AROUND
THREE TIMES
AND BARK,
AND I'LL LET
YOU GO!



OKAY,
BIG GUY!
YOU'RE
NEXT!



BUT THOSE
TWO AREN'T
IMPRESSIONS
EXAMPLES
OF KARATE.

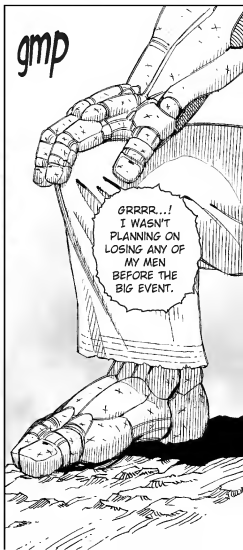
tmp

YOU'RE
GOOD.
I ADMIT
THAT.



GRRRR...!
I WASN'T
PLANNING ON
LOSING ANY OF
MY MEN
BEFORE THE
BIG EVENT.

gmp



DON'T
JUDGE
ME BASED
ON THEM.

chok

krek



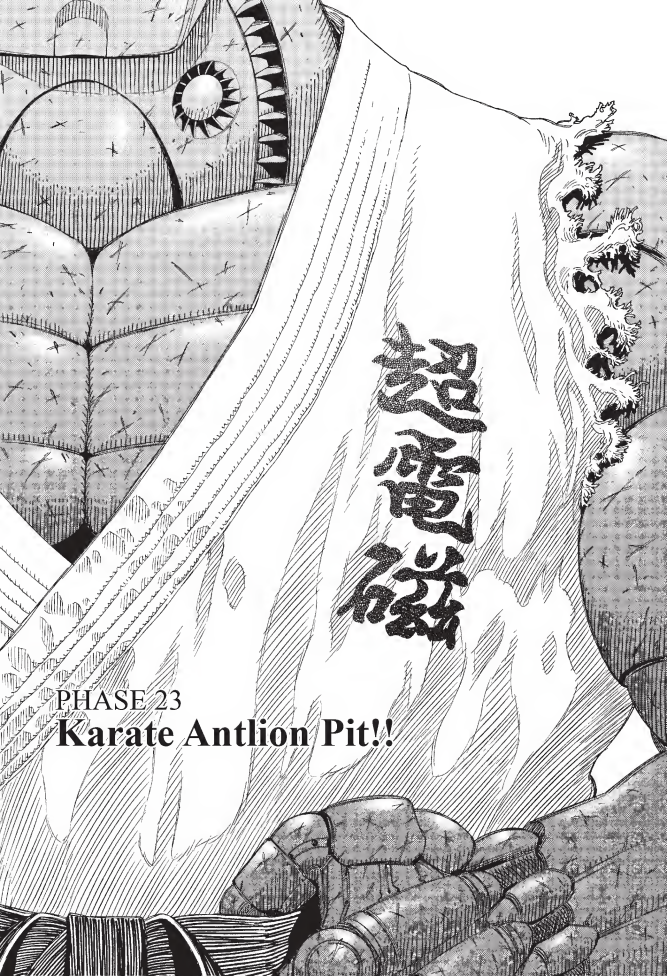
COME!
I WILL
FIGHT
YOU...
BOTH!

I'LL SHOW
YOU WHAT
IT MEANS
TO BE
A **TRUE**
MASTER!

Krnch





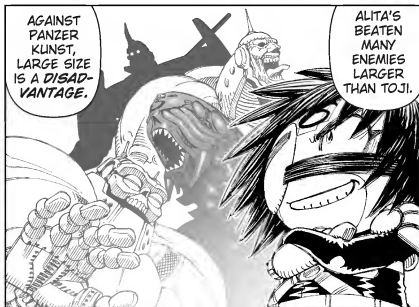


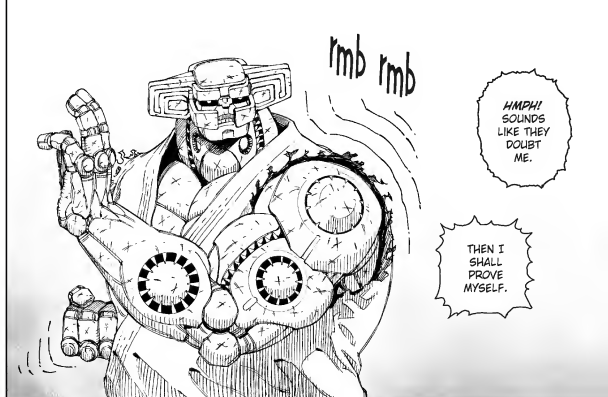
超電磁

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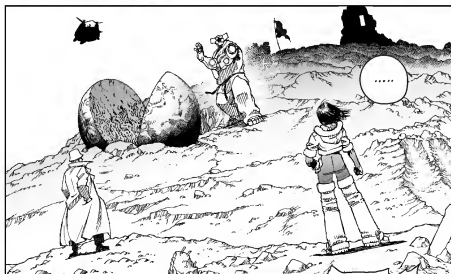
Karate Antlion Pit!!





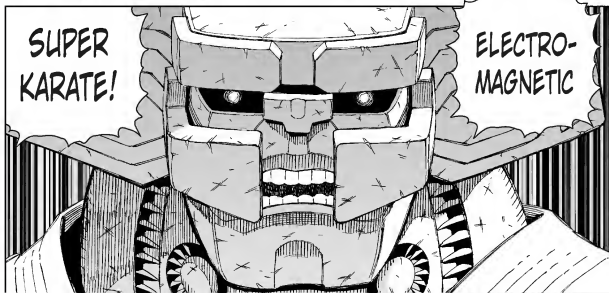


WHAT'S HE
PLANNING AT
THIS DISTANCE?



SUPER
KARATE!

ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC



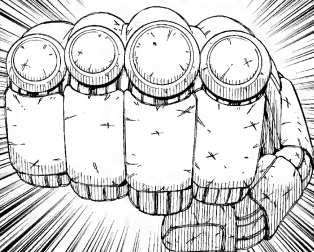






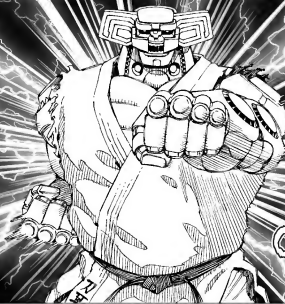
ALL MY
POWER
IN A
SINGLE
PUNCH!

ONE
FIST!
ONE
IRON
BLOW!



THE LEVEL OF
"SLAUGHTER
MASTER" IS
ACHIEVED WHEN
THE STUDENT
CAN KILL 100
MEN WITH ONE
STRIKE!

THESE
ARE THE
TEACHINGS
OF
ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
KARATE!

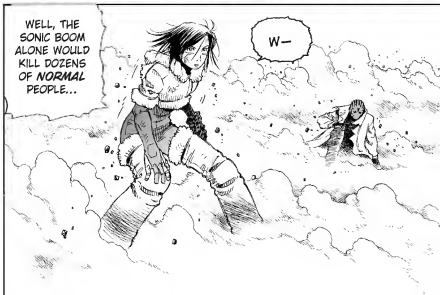


doom!

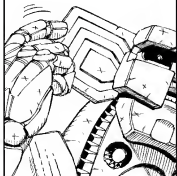


WELL, THE
SONIC BOOM
ALONE WOULD
KILL DOZENS
OF NORMAL
PEOPLE...

W-



AT THIS DISTANCE,
MY SONIC BOOM
WILL DAMAGE EVEN
A CYBORG'S INNER
EAR, RESULTING IN
TEMPORARY LOSS OF
BALANCE.



STAND
UP
STRAIGHT.



fip
fop



AND THIS
IS MY
SECOND
WAY TO
ENSURE
VICTORY...

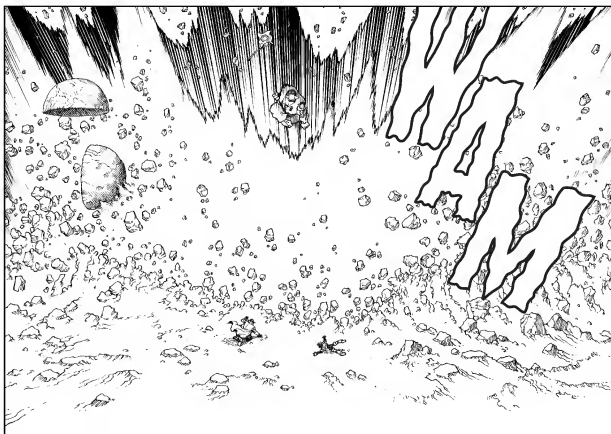
foom

GAVIT UNDERESTI-
MATES HIS FOES.
HOGAN WALLOWS
IN HIS TECHNICAL
PROWESS.

BUT, I...
I LOOK **THREE**
TIMES BEFORE
I LEAP!

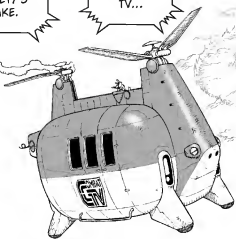
I NEVER
FIGHT
BATTLES I
CAN'T WIN.
THAT IS
THE FIRST
SECRET OF
TOTAL
VICTORY.





...AT A
SLIGHT
DISTANCE
FOR
SAFETY'S
SAKE.

THIS IS
JACK
GERAMBO
LIVE WITH
COMBAT
TV...



rmb rmb rmb

shaa

HILL
Z-03...
IT'S
GONE!

AND
REPLACED
BY-A HUGE
CRATER!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
WHAT I'M
SEEING!



LIKE A
SPACE
KARATE
ANTLION
PIT!

NOT ONLY IS IT
HARDER TO
ESCAPE NOW,
BUT THE CRATER
MAKES THE
SONIC BOOM
MORE DEADLY
THAN ON EVEN
TERRAIN!

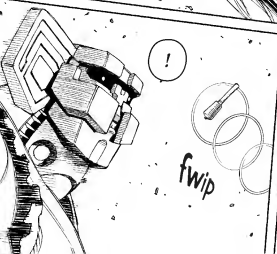




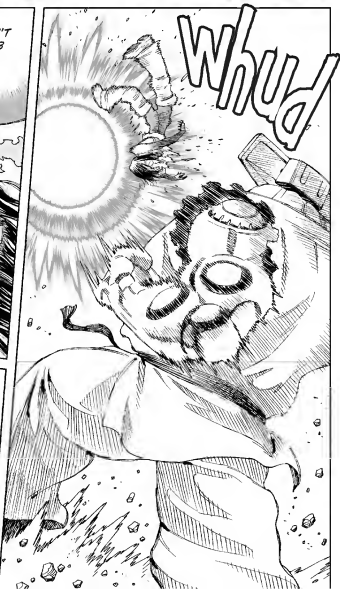


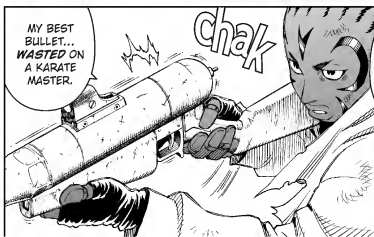
C-CAN'T
GRAB
ON!

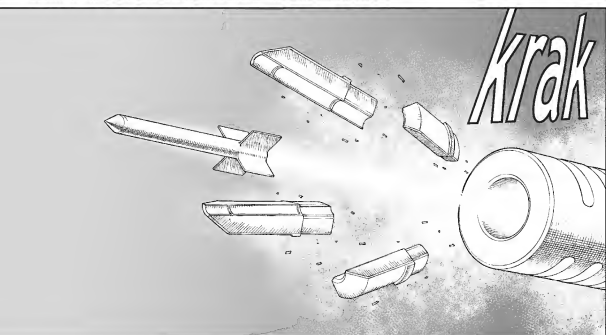
SONIC
BOOM...
TOO
STRONG!



fwip







***Cermet:** Material synthesized from metal and ceramic. Resistant to high temperatures and ballistic shock.

***APFSDS (Armor-piercing fin-stabilized discarding sabot):** An anti-tank round with stabilizing wings and loading cylinder. After firing, the loading cylinder falls away and the round flies at high speed. Highly penetrating due to kinetic energy focused in the round.





RELEASE
YOURSELF
FROM THIS
AGONIZING,
SAD, MEANING-
LESS LIFE!

HEH
HEH
HEH!



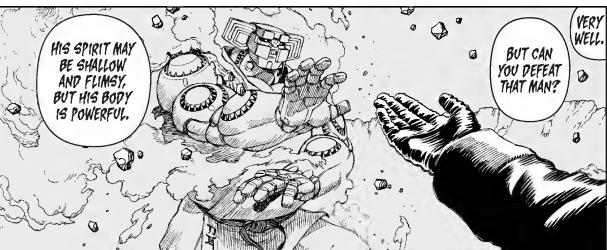
I'M NOT
ABOUT TO
GIVE UP
NOW!

DON'T
MAKE ME
LAUGH!



YOU
INTEND TO
CONTINUE THIS
POINTLESS
STRUGGLING?

I'LL
DECIDE
WHAT'S
POINT-
LESS...OR
MEANING-
LESS!



HIS SPIRIT MAY
BE SHALLOW
AND FLIMSY,
BUT HIS BODY
IS POWERFUL.

BUT CAN
YOU DEFEAT
THAT MAN?

VERY
WELL.



TAKE CARE
YOU'RE NOT
CRUSHED
BY BRUTAL
REALITY!
HEH!

DIDN'T YOU
SAY YOU
HAD GROWN
STRONGER
THAN
BEFORE?

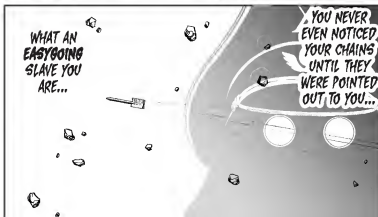
UNH....



ONE MORE
THING...

YOU CLING TO
YOUR AFFECTION
FOR HUMANS... A
RACE THAT DIED
OUT LONG AGO!

AND YOU
UNCON-
SCIOUSLY
ALLOW THAT
TO LIMIT
YOU!

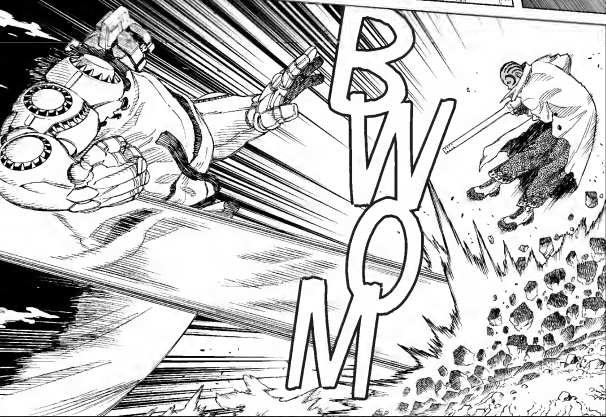


WHAT AN
EASYGOING
SLAVE YOU
ARE...

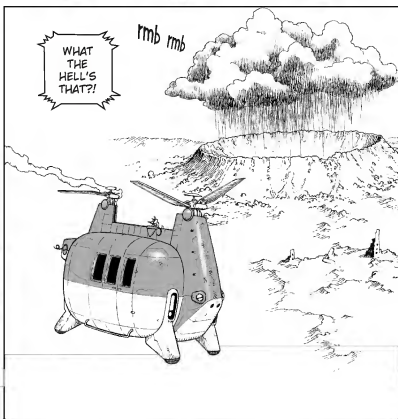
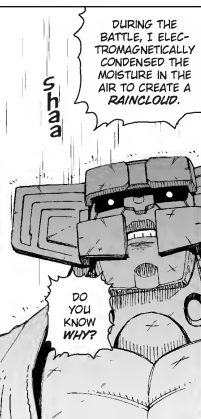
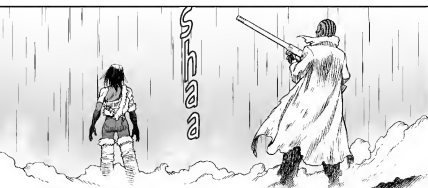
YOU NEVER
EVEN NOTICED
YOUR CHAINS
UNTIL THEY
WERE POINTED
OUT TO YOU...

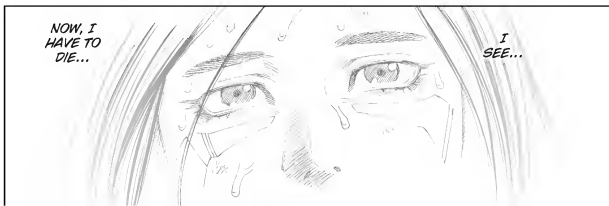
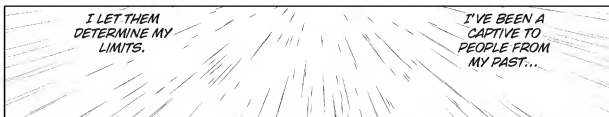


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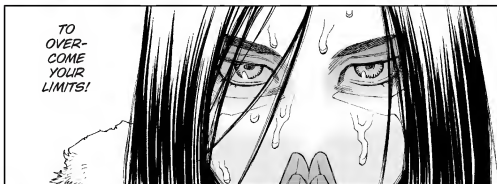


AS I AM...
I'LL HAVE
TO DIE.





WUP

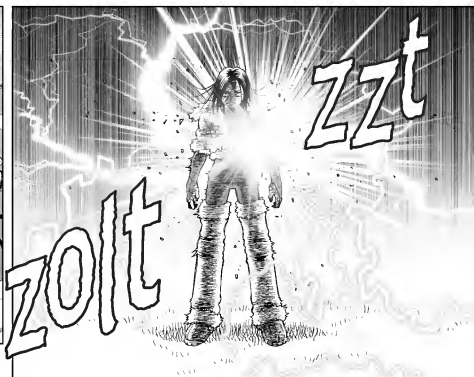


TO
OVER-
COME
YOUR
LIMITS!

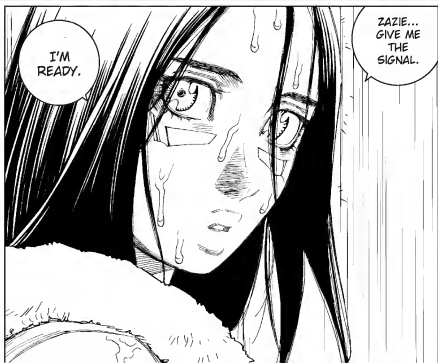
THAT'S
WHAT
IT
MEANS...

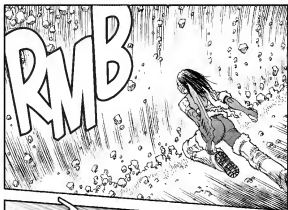
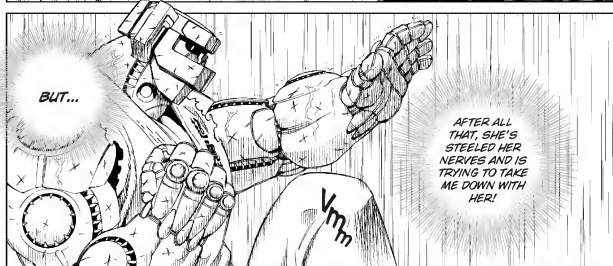


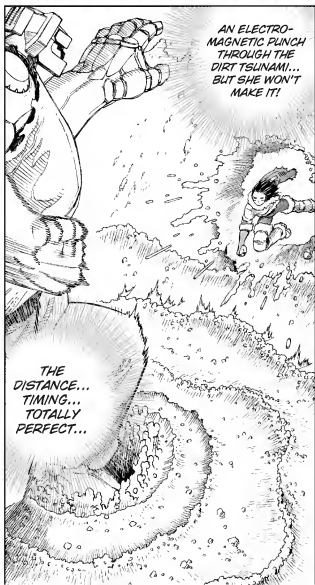
WH-WHAT'S
HAPPENING...
TO HER
BODY!?



zolt







AN ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC PUNCH
THROUGH THE
DIRT TSUNAMI...
BUT SHE WON'T
MAKE IT!

THE
DISTANCE...
TIMING...
TOTALLY
PERFECT...



THOSE
TWO ARE
TOTALLY
FOCUSED
ON EACH
OTHER!!

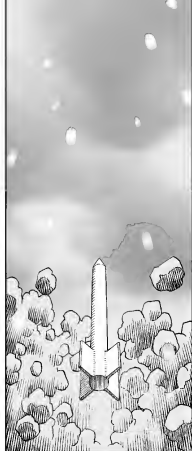
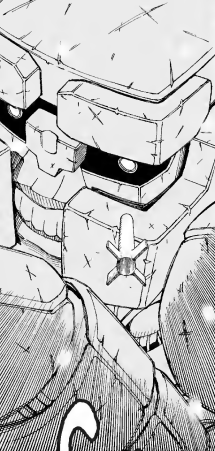
ALL MY SHOTS
UP TO NOW
WERE DE-
SIGN-
ED TO
DETERMINE THE
TRAJECTORY'S
STANDARD
DEVIATION!

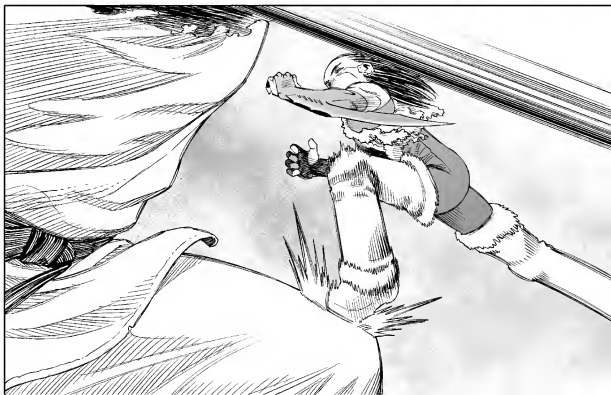


NOW I
CAN USE THE
CORIOLIS
FORCE TO
CURVE MY
SHOT RIGHT
INTO HIS WEAK
POINT!



I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR THIS
MOMENT!





**I CAN
MOVE
FOR-
WARD
!!**





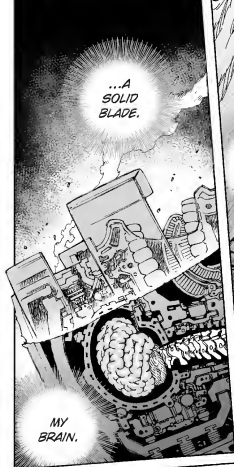
PHASE 24

**A Fighting
Soul Ablaze
Like Fire**





IDPR!



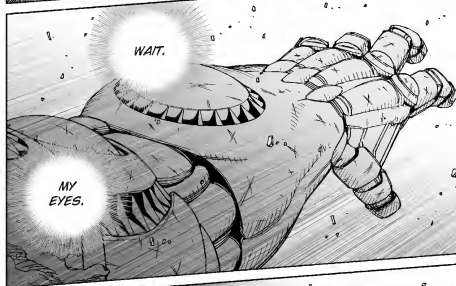
...A
SOLID
BLADE.

MY
BRAIN.

NO
WAY!

WAS IT
PLASMA?
NO...

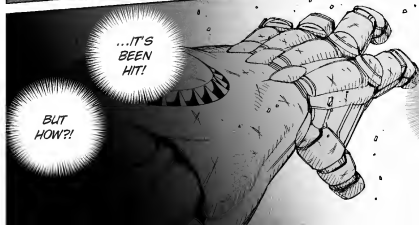
SH-SHE...
CUT ME!?



WAIT.

MY
EYES.

IS MY
BRAIN
OKAY?!

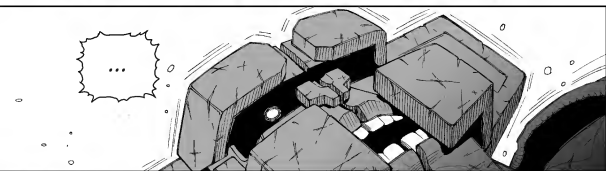


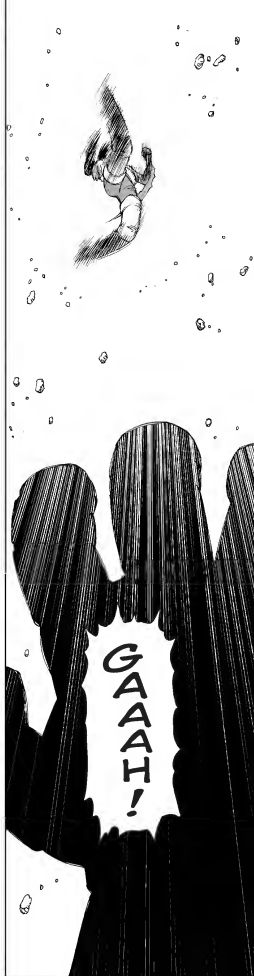
...IT'S
BEEN
HIT!

BUT
HOW?!

I CAN'T
SEE.

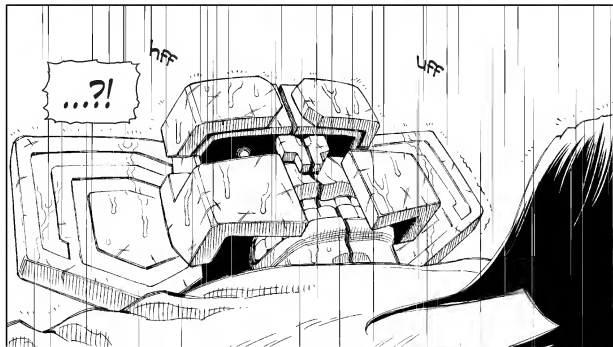
LEFT
EYE...



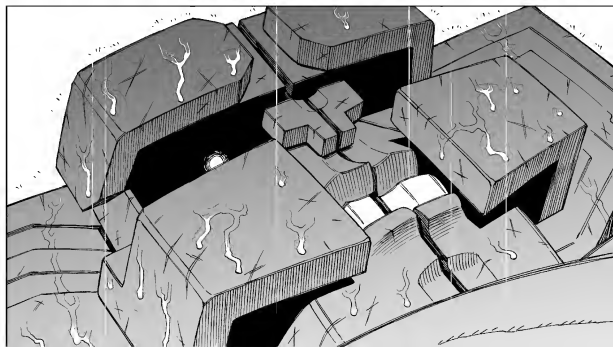


I-I'M
BEING...
CUT!



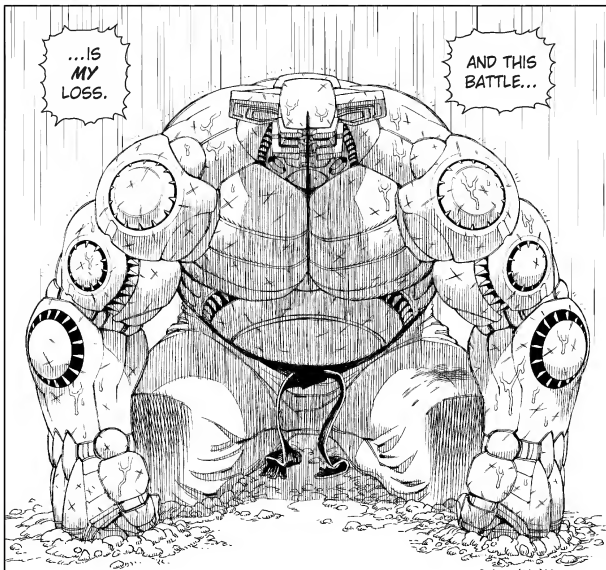
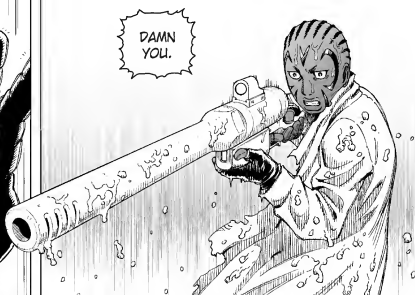
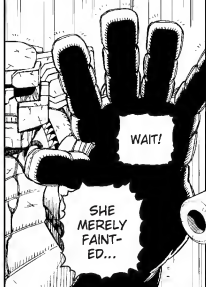






Shaa

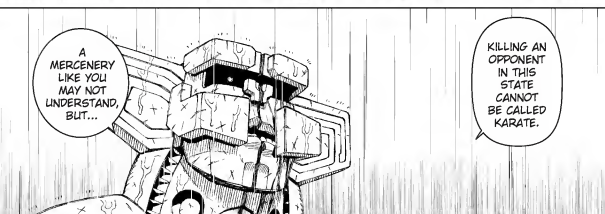






SHE'S
DOWN...
WHY NOT
FINISH HER
OFF?

...
...



A
MERCENARY
LIKE YOU
MAY NOT
UNDERSTAND,
BUT...

KILLING AN
OPPONENT
IN THIS
STATE
CANNOT
BE CALLED
KARATE.



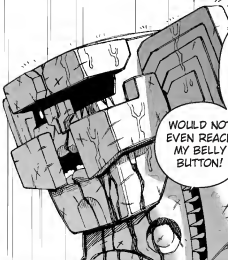
SHE IS
TRULY
FEAR-
SOME.

THOUGH
YOUR
SHOOT-
ING WAS
ALSO SU-
PERB...

SHE CUT ME
DOWN WHILE
ALREADY
UNCONSCIOUS,
USING ONLY
HER WARRIOR'S
INSTINCTS!

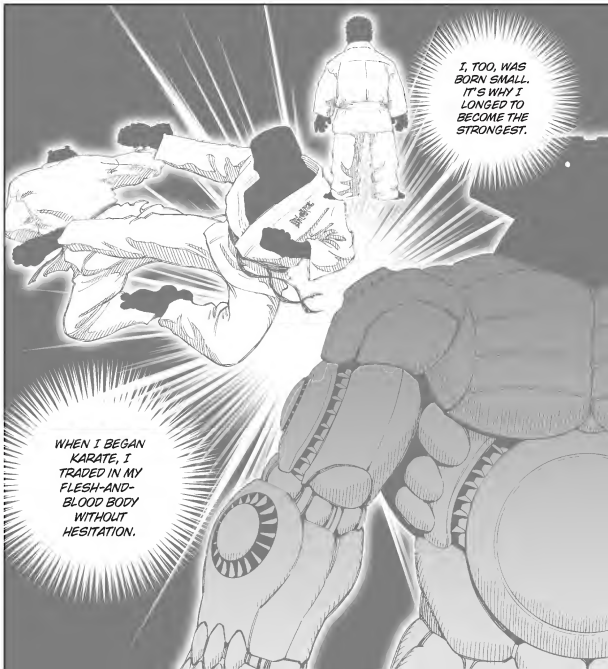


I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...



WOULD NOT
EVEN REACH
MY BELLY
BUTTON!

TO THINK,
THE FIRST
WARRIOR
TO DEFEAT
ME SINCE I
RECEIVED
MY BLACK
BELT...



I, TOO, WAS
BORN SMALL.
IT'S WHY I
LONGED TO
BECOME THE
STRONGEST.

WHEN I BEGAN
KARATE, I
TRADED IN MY
FLESH-AND-
BLOOD BODY
WITHOUT
HESITATION.

**I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...**

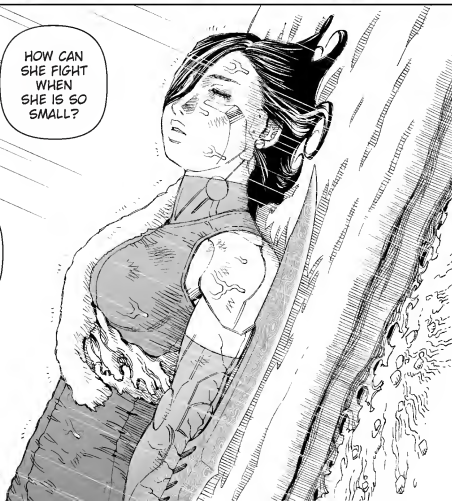


**I HAD TO
HAVE
STRENGTH
TO WIN...**

**AND I
BELIEVED THAT
SIZE MEANT
STRENGTH.**

**HOW CAN
SHE FIGHT
WHEN
SHE IS SO
SMALL?**

**HOW CAN
SHE KEEP
FIGHTING?**





THAT
MUST BE
HIDDEN IN-
SIDE THAT
ADORABLE
SHELL!

BRUTAL-
ITY...

I CANNOT
FATHOM...

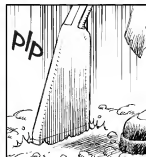
THE
KIND OF
DETERMIN-
ATION,
TENACITY,
AND...



ABOUT THE
SOUL THAT
DRIVES
THOSE
MOVES OF
HERS.

EVERY-
ONE WHO
FIGHTS
ALITA ASKS
THE SAME
QUESTION.

WELL...



PIP



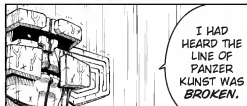
PANZER
KUNST'S
HOME WAS
WIPED OUT
TWO CENTU-
RIES AGO.
ONLY RUINS
REMAIN...

BUT ONE
MASTER
STILL
SURVIVES.

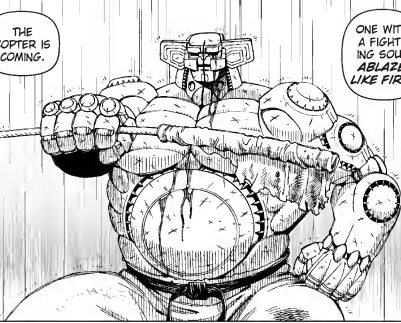


SO OF
COURSE
SHE'S
STRONG,
BUT...

SHE'S A
MASTER
OF PANZER
KUNST, THE
GREATEST
FORM OF
UNARMED
COMBAT ON
MARS.



I HAD
HEARD THE
LINE OF
PANZER
KUNST WAS
BROKEN.



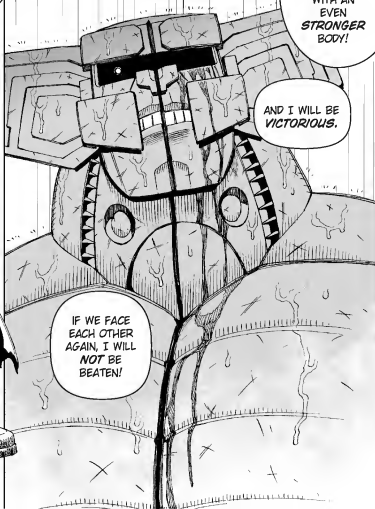
PLEASE
TAKE THE
FLAG.

THE
COPTER IS
COMING.

ONE WITH
A FIGHT-
ING SOUL
ABLAZE
LIKE FIRE.



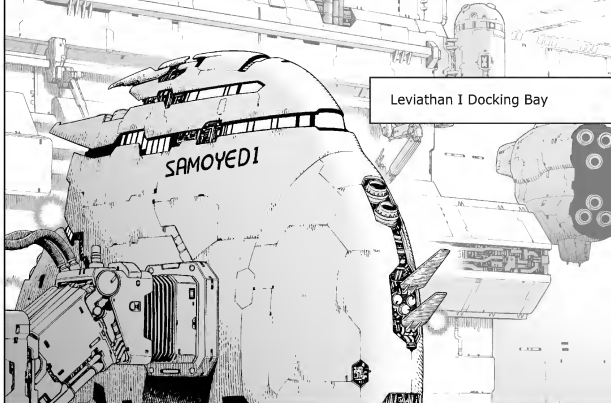
I'LL PASS
ON THE
MESSAGE
TO HER.



I WILL TAKE
PART IN THE
TOURNEY AS
PLANNED...
WITH AN
EVEN
STRONGER
BODY!

AND I WILL BE
VICTORIOUS.

IF WE FACE
EACH OTHER
AGAIN, I WILL
NOT BE
BEATEN!

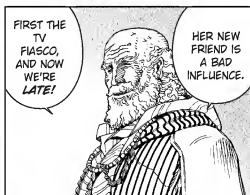


Leviathan I Docking Bay



OH, I
DON'T
THINK
SO.

WE MUST
PUNISH
ZAZIE
FIRMLY!

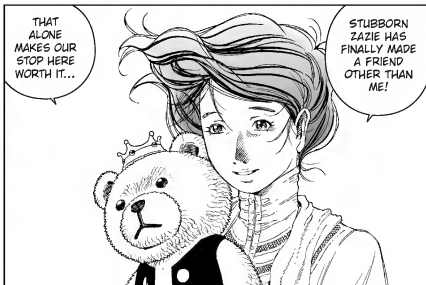


FIRST THE
TV
FIASCO,
AND NOW
WE'RE
LATE!

HER NEW
FRIEND IS
A BAD
INFLUENCE.

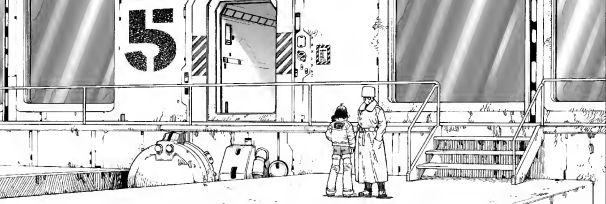


...THOUGH I
WISH WE COULD
HAVE SAVED
THE LITTLE
SOLDIERS...



THAT
ALONE
MAKES OUR
STOP HERE
WORTH IT...

STUBBORN
ZAZIE HAS
FINALLY MADE
A FRIEND
OTHER THAN
ME!



Why not
stick to TV
announcing?

YOU
PLAN TO
ENTER—
AT YOUR
SIZE?

DAMN
RIGHT, I
DO! AND
WE'LL
WIN!



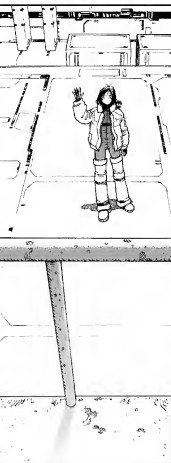
YOU'RE
LEAVING?!
C'MON, LET'S
ALL RIP THAT
TOURNEY
APART!

Don't
throw a
fit.



GOOD
LUCK AT
THE
Z.O.T..

YES...



WHEREVER
THERE'S A
BATTLE, YOU'LL
FIND SECHS!
I'VE ALREADY PUT
IN MY ORDER
WITH NERD
AND FAT BEARD!
I'LL BE GOOD TO
GO!

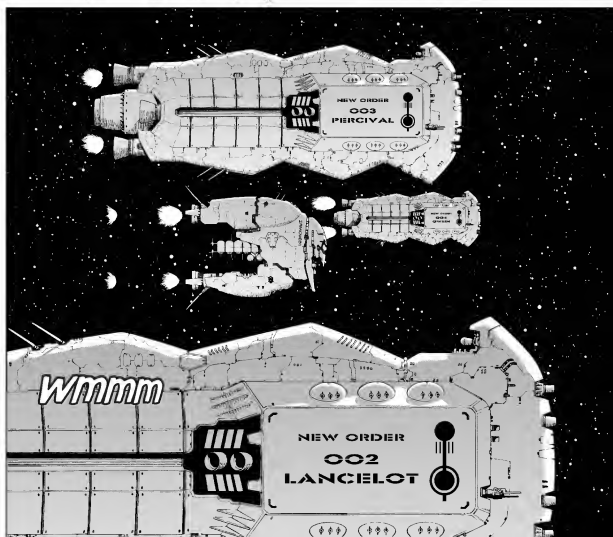
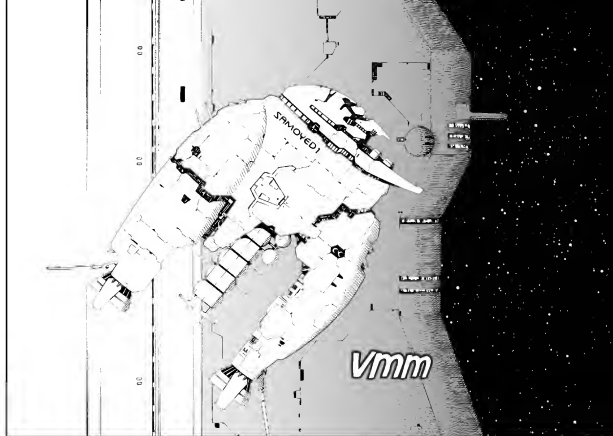
JUST
LET ME
AT 'EM!



I WILL.

IF YOU MEET
ANY OTHER
LIVING PANZER
KUNST USERS,
TELL THEM
ABOUT ME.

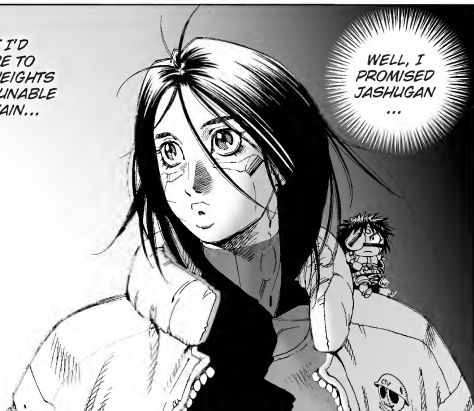
MY
NAME
ON
MARS
IS
"YOKO."





THAT I'D
ASPIRE TO
REACH HEIGHTS
HE WAS UNABLE
TO ATTAIN...

WELL, I
PROMISED
JASHUGAN
...





GELDA
GAVE ME
GUIDANCE.

JASHUGAN
TAUGHT ME
PRIDE.



FROM DEN,
I LEARNED
NEVER TO
FOLLOW
BLINDLY.

I WILL
STEP INTO THE
UNKNOWN...

I WILL BECOME
STRONGER
THAN ALL OF
YOU.





AND ONE
DAY...

BUT FIRST...
THE Z.O.T.
TOURNAMENT!



...I'M ON
MY WAY...

LOU...

...I WILL
GO TO
MARS!

Space City
KETHERES





...WHAT'S
THE MEAN-
ING OF
THIS?





HOW DID
THEY
SURVIVE
BEING
VENTED
INTO
SPACE?!

I DON'T
BELIEVE
THIS...!

QUEEN LINEIRA
AND HER RETINUE
ARE NOW ON THEIR
WAY BACK TO
MARS.

ZAZIE

SOLDIER OF
MARS KINGDOM PARLIAMENTS

ZAZIE, A MEMBER
OF THE MARS
KINGDOM
PARLIAMENT
ARMY, AIDED HER
IN THE COMBAT
CHAMBER.

...I HAD
BEST STAY
ON TOP OF
EVERY
EVENTUALITY.

beep
beep

COULD
THE MARS
KINGDOM
PARLIAMENT
BE UP TO
SOMETHING?
SEEMS
FAR-FETCHED,
BUT...

UNDER THE Z.O.T.T.
PROVISIONS OF THE
LADDER TREATY,
TOURNAMENT
REGISTRATION
PROVIDES COMPLETE
PROTECTION FROM ALL
SANCTIONS.

Z.O.T.T.
ENTRIES
HAVE BEEN
ACCEPTED
AND ARE
OFFICIAL.



NOVA?
DO
THEY
WANT
HIM
BACK?

WHAT IS
THE
REAL
GOAL
HERE?

PING UU, FUNDED
BY COMMODITIES
DISTRIBUTOR
MARTIN TSANG.
NO FURTHER ID
EXISTS.

THAT
MAN.
WHO IS
HE?

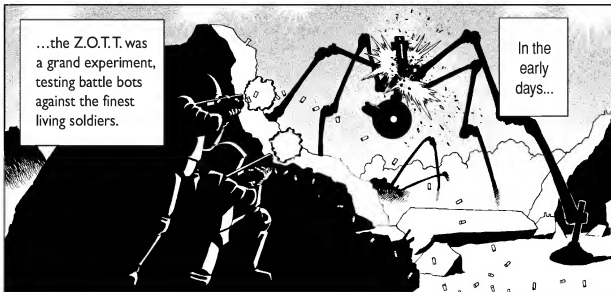
THE WHOLE POINT
OF THE ZOTT IS
TO FLUSH OUT
SUCH UNSTABLE
ELEMENTS...
AND DESTROY
THEM!

HEH...
VERY
WELL!

Zenith of Things

...the Z.O.T.T. was a grand experiment, testing battle bots against the finest living soldiers.

In the early days...



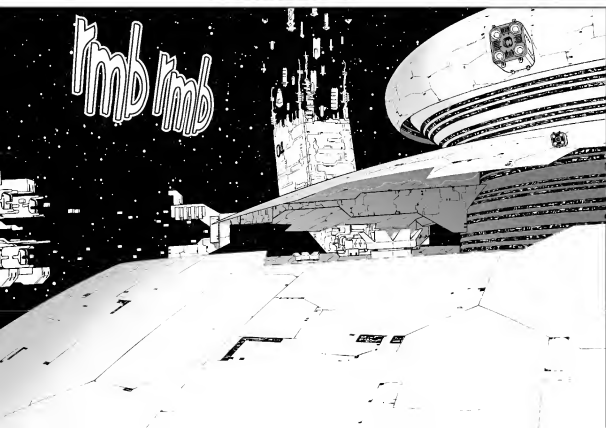
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The first open Z.O.T. Tournament is held,
at the suggestion of Aga Mbadi.

Z.O.T. Tournament Rules

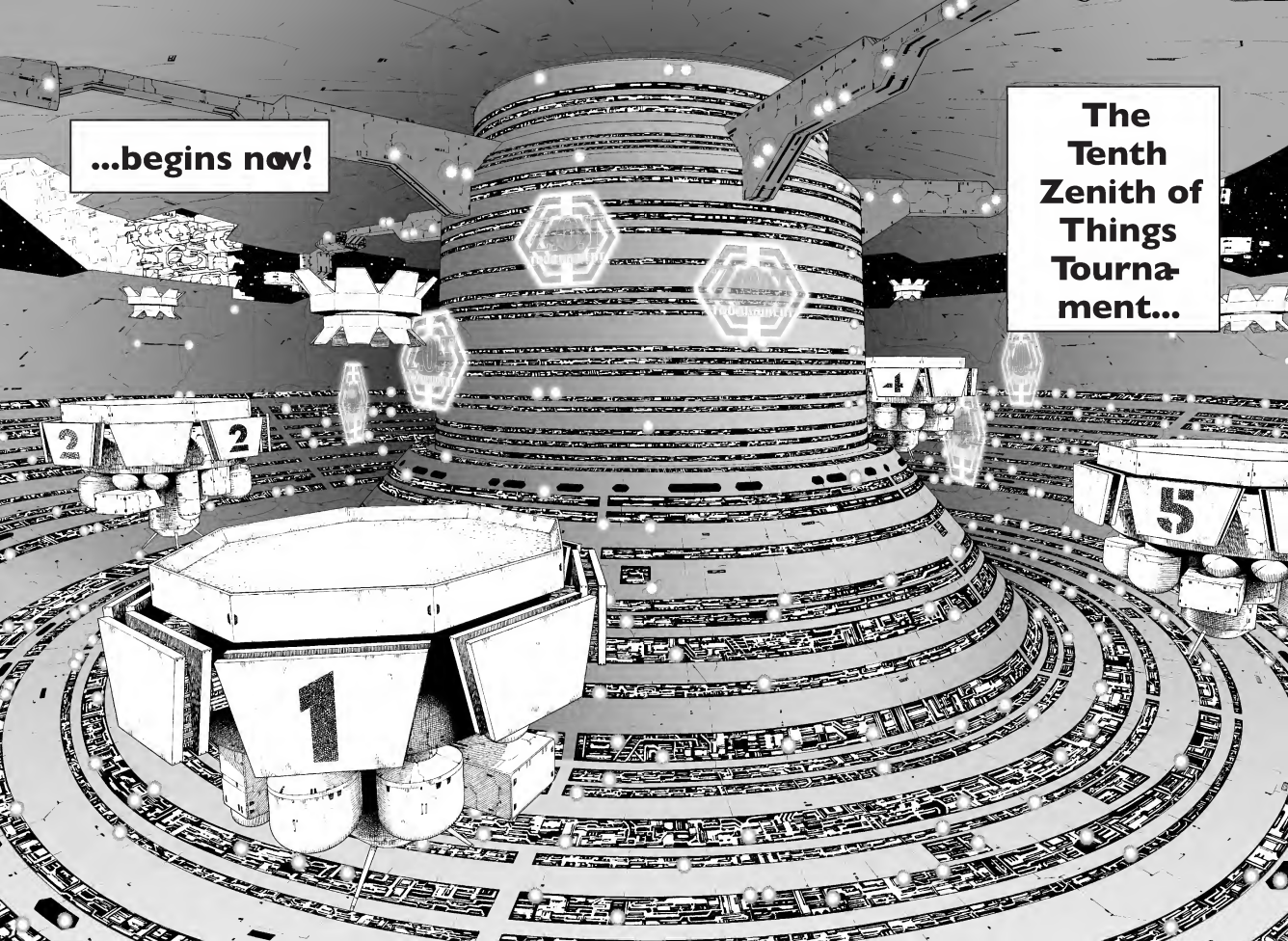
- Five players per team. All players may fight simultaneously.
- No limit to the number of weapons.
- Gunpowder allotment = 5% of the total weight of all players on a team.
- Player height range: 5 centimeters to 50 meters. Weight limit: 500 tons.
- Players must be fully autonomous robots, cyborgs, or humans. Remote control from outside the battlefield is not permitted.
- Battle time = 60 minutes. The battle is over when all members of a team are incapacitated, dead, or forfeit.
- As long as they obey the rules above, no player will be punished for any act in a match, even in case of the death of a player.

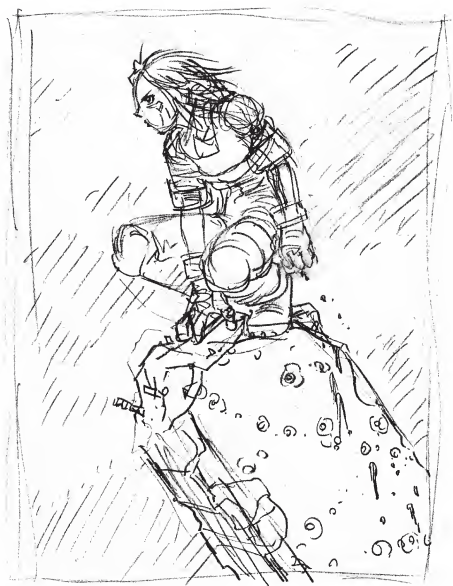
Ketheres Companion Ship
ONION FRAME

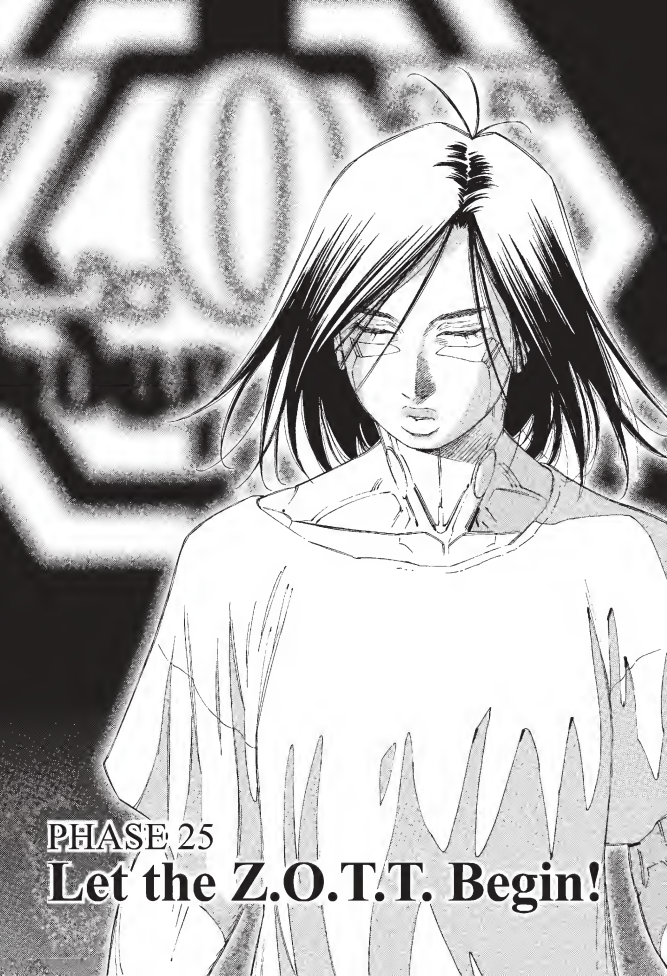


...begins now!

**The
Tenth
Zenith of
Things
Tourn-
ament...**

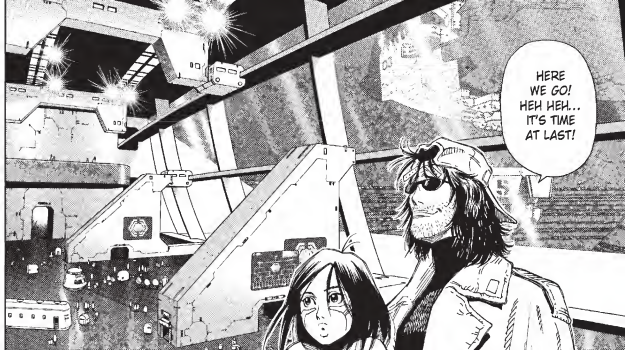






PHASE 25

Let the Z.O.T.T. Begin!

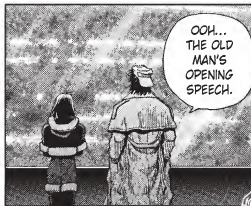


HERE
WE GO!
HEH HEH...
IT'S TIME
AT LAST!

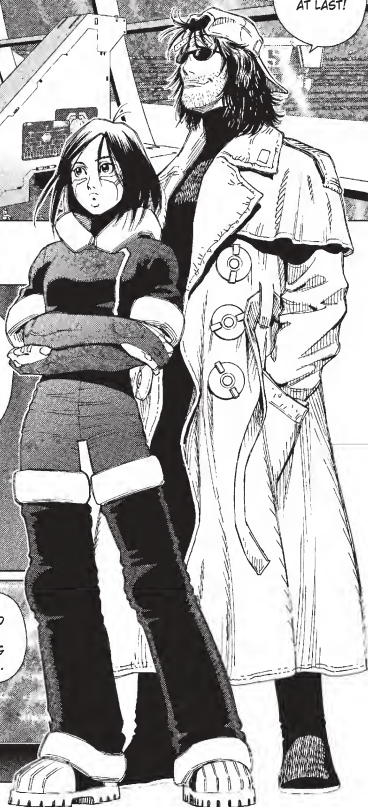


THEY
STAYED ON
THE SHIP
WITH NO.
100 TO
CHANGE
CLOTHES
OR SOME-
THING.

I DON'T
SEE THE
OTHER
CHICKS...



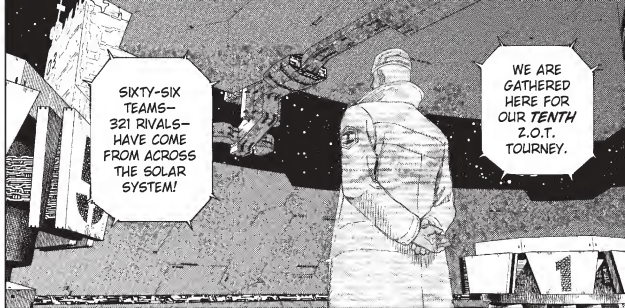
OOH...
THE OLD
MAN'S
OPENING
SPEECH.





THIS IS
LADDER'S
IDEOLOGY,
AND MY
OWN.

VIOLENCE
MUST
BE CON-
TROLLED!



SIXTY-SIX
TEAMS—
321 RIVALS—
HAVE COME
FROM ACROSS
THE SOLAR
SYSTEM!

WE ARE
GATHERED
HERE FOR
OUR **TENTH**
Z.O.T.
TOURNNEY.



...HARBOR
ILL WILL
TOWARDS
LADDER AND
THE STATES
WITHIN IT.

MORE
THAN
A
FEW...



BUT
DON'T LET
THAT STOP
YOU!

AT Z.O.T.,
YOU ARE
THE STARS
FOR SIX
DAYS...

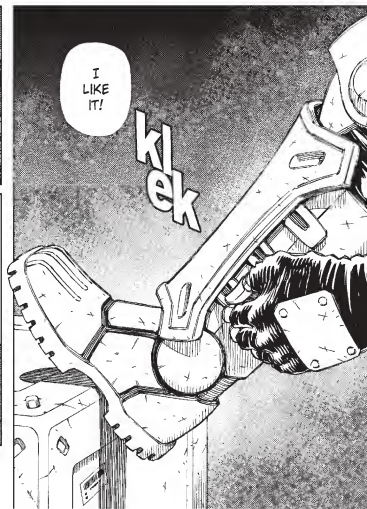
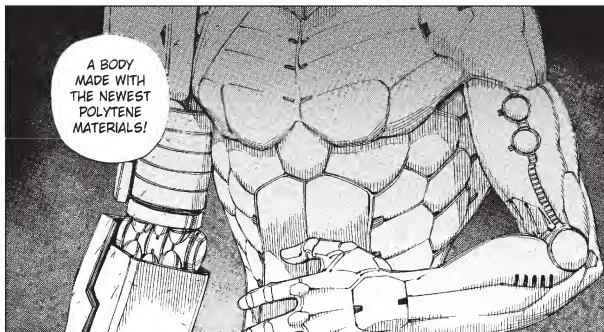


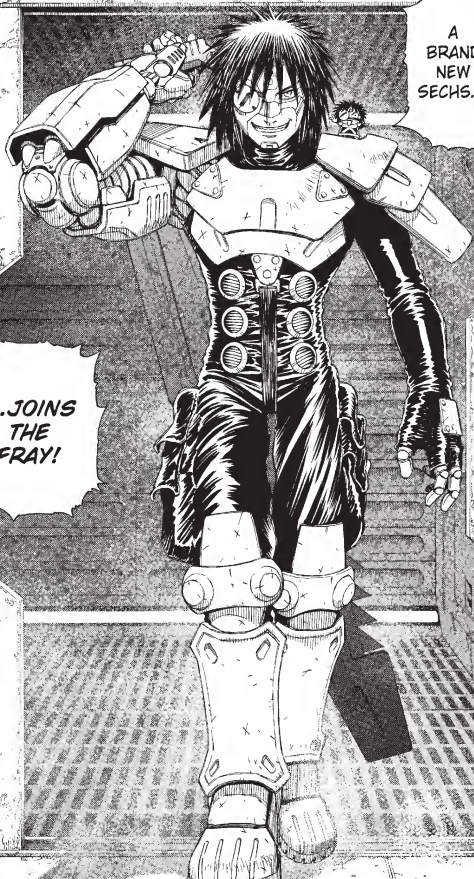


...AND THE
TOP TEAM
WILL BE
NAMED A
**COMMON-
WEALTH!**

**LET
THE
ZOTT
BEGIN!**

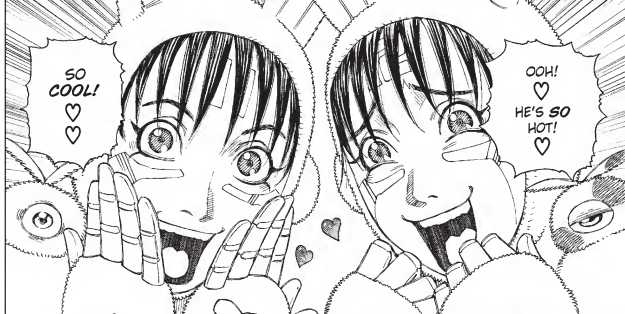
ZOTT Day 1:Preliminaries



A black and white manga-style illustration of a character with spiky hair and a wide, toothy grin. They are wearing a complex mechanical suit. The right arm is replaced by a large, multi-jointed mechanical arm with several circular components. The torso is covered in a dark, segmented suit with a vertical line down the center and several circular buttons or ports. The legs are also covered in similar mechanical armor. A small, spiky-haired figure is perched on the character's left shoulder. The character is standing in a doorway or a narrow hallway with a gridded floor. The background is dark and textured.

A
BRAND
NEW
SECHS...

...JOINS
THE
FRAY!



SO
COOL!



OOH!
♡
HE'S SO
HOT!
♡



WHAT'S
WITH
THE
NEW
GETUPS?

WHY LET
ALITA GET
ALL THE TV
TIME,
RIGHT?

WE GOT
IMAGE
MAKE-
OVERS!

NO
WAY!

MISS
YOUR
BOOBS
MUCH?



ALITA.

I'LL
SAY!

GET A BIT
TALLER
WHEN I
WASN'T
LOOKING?



HMM...
DID
SECHS
...



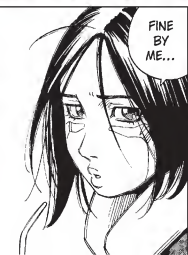
HEH!

WHAT
?



SO
SWEAR
TO ME...

YOU AND THAT
DUDE ARE UP
TO SOME-
THING... BUT
I'VE GOT MY
OWN REASONS
TO WIN!



FINE
BY
ME...



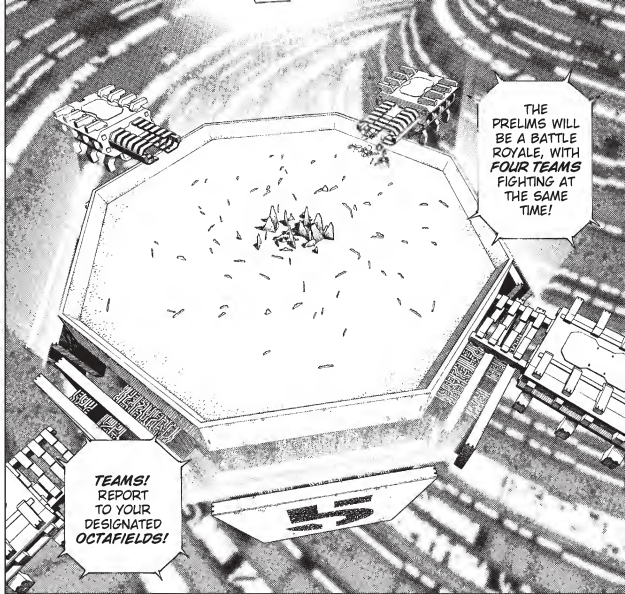
WE'LL
SETTLE
THINGS
BETWEEN
US AFTER-
WARDS!



SUCH
A PUNY
GAL!

'Course I
was tiny
then...

DID
I REALLY
LOSE TO
THIS
SHRIMP?

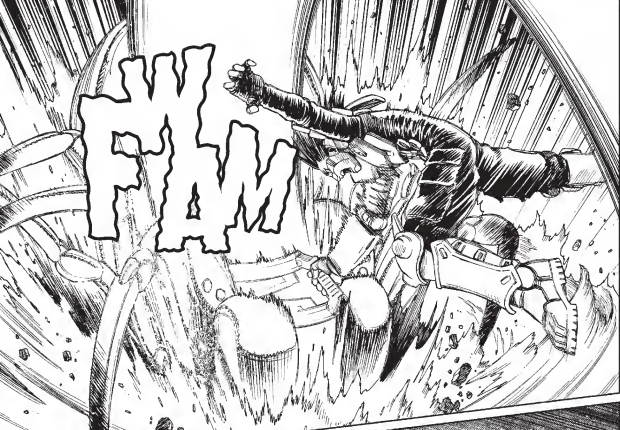


THE
PRELIMS WILL
BE A BATTLE
ROYALE, WITH
FOUR TEAMS
FIGHTING AT
THE SAME
TIME!

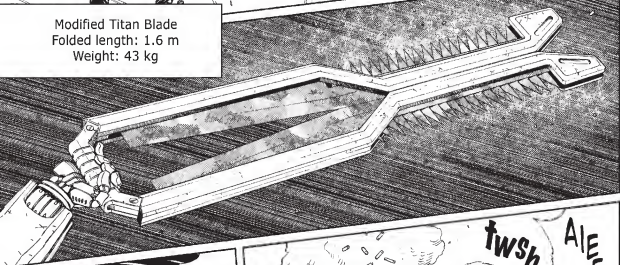
TEAMS!
REPORT
TO YOUR
DESIGNATED
OCTAFIELDS!



RAAH!



Modified Titan Blade
Folded length: 1.6 m
Weight: 43 kg



HA,
HA!

ISN'T
THERE
ANYONE
WHO CAN
TAKE ME?!



twsh

AIEEK!

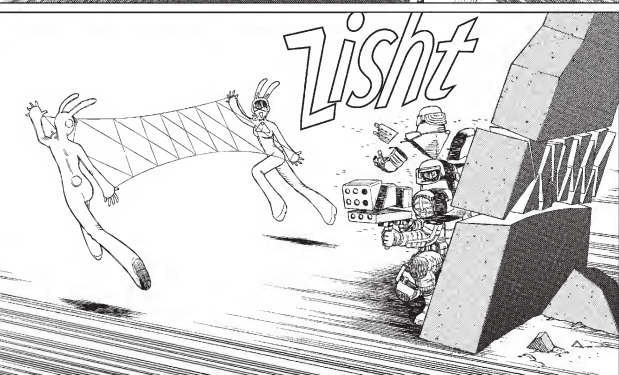
SK
RRK



Modified Titan Blade
Extended length: 6.25 m

chak







...EVEN
ELF AND
ZWÖLF...

krki!

SECHS IS
HAVING A
BLAST...

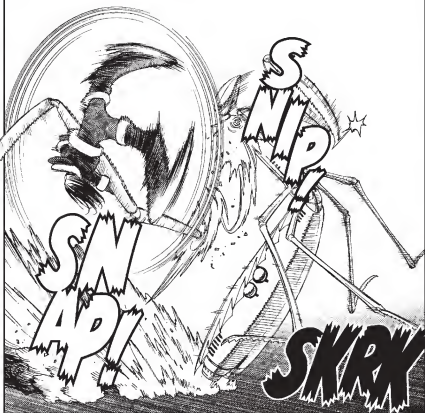
bam vroom

...SO WHY...



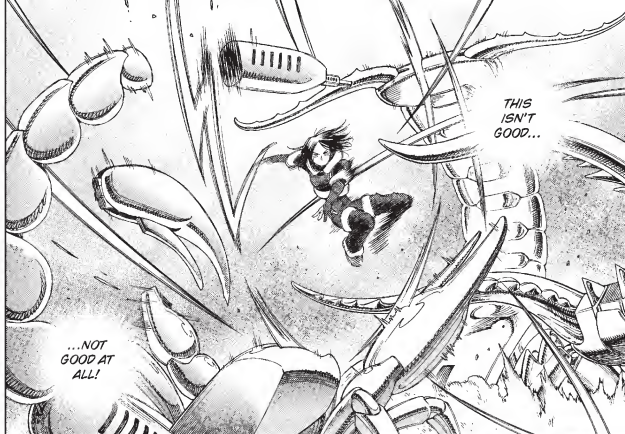
...DO I
FEEL THIS
WAY?





...SO
WHY AM I
STILL SO
CALM?!







WE'RE
ONLY
HERE TO
GET
LOU'S
BRAIN!

JUST
WIN A COUPLA
ROUNDS!
BUY ME TIME
TO BREAK
THROUGH
SECURITY.



I'LL NEED
YOUR HELP
TO DO THE
ACTUAL
STEAL-
ING...

WHEN
WE'RE DONE,
WE GET THE
HELL OUTTA
'KETHERES!
WE WON'T BE
HERE LONG.

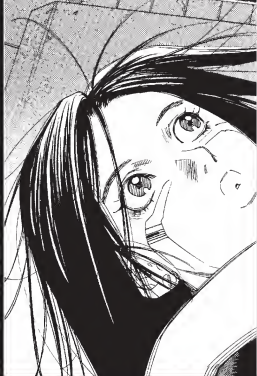


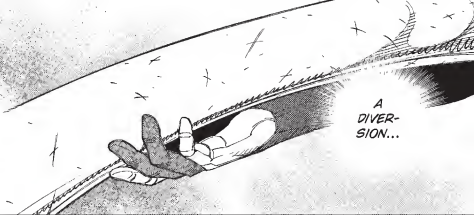
DON'T GET IT
IN YOUR HEAD
THAT YOU'RE
HERE TO
WIN!

...GOT
IT?



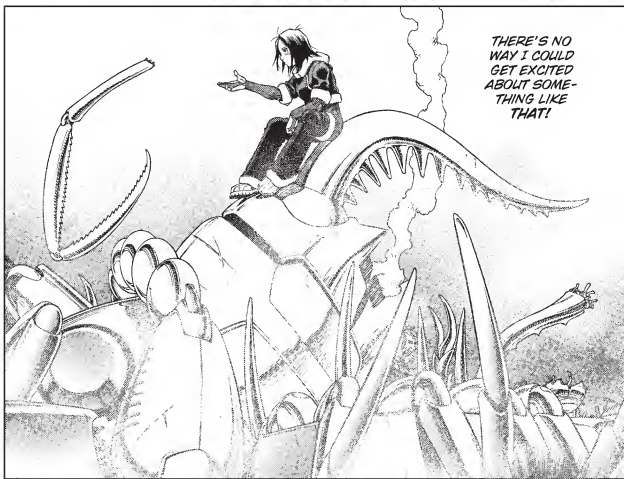
ENTERING THE
ZOTT IS A
DIVERSION.



A close-up of a hand with a white glove holding a thick metal chain. The background is dark and textured with some scratches.

I'M
ONLY
FIGHTING
FOR SHOW.

A
DIVER-
SION...

A character with long dark hair, wearing a dark jacket with a skull emblem and dark pants, is sitting on the back of a large, mechanical, insect-like creature. The creature has multiple legs, some with sharp claws, and a large, curved, toothy mouth. The character is gesturing with their right hand. The background is a hazy, industrial-looking environment.

THERE'S NO
WAY I COULD
GET EXCITED
ABOUT SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT!

A character is standing in a field of mechanical, plant-like structures. The structures have various shapes, some resembling leaves and others resembling stems or roots. The character is in the center of the field, and the background is a hazy, industrial-looking environment.

JUST AS
STRONG
AS I
THOUGHT!

DAMN IT,
SHE'S
STRONG!



AT THIS
TOURNAMENT,
I'M GONNA
CLOSE THE
GAP BETWEEN
US!

BUT I'LL
SHOW
HER...



RAAAH
!!

THE SPACE ANGELS
ADVANCE TO THE
FIRST ROUND!

PRELIMINARIES
ARE OVER, AND
SIXTEEN TEAMS
NOW ADVANCE TO
THE FIRST ROUND,
JOINED BY TWO
SEEDED TEAMS!

JACK
GERAMBO
AGAIN,
FROM
COMBAT
TV!



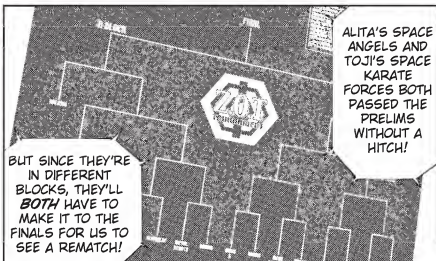
oooh
aah

LET'S
ASK ALITA
HOW
SHE'S
FEELING...

HUH?

BUT SINCE THEY'RE
IN DIFFERENT
BLOCKS, THEY'LL
BOTH HAVE TO
MAKE IT TO THE
FINALS FOR US TO
SEE A REMATCH!

ALITA'S SPACE
ANGELS AND
TOJI'S SPACE
KARATE
FORCES BOTH
PASSED THE
PRELIMS
WITHOUT A
HITCH!

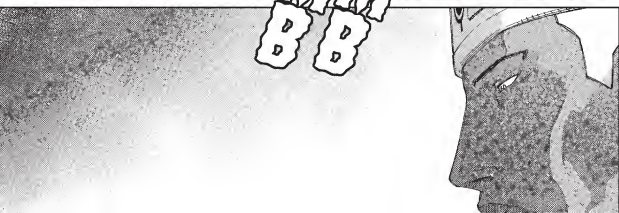


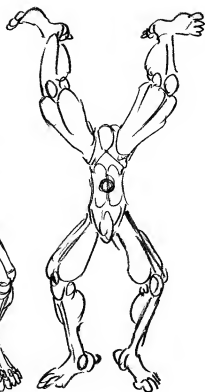
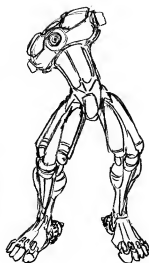
...ZOTT
CHAIRMAN
AGA MBADI,
IN THE
FLESH!

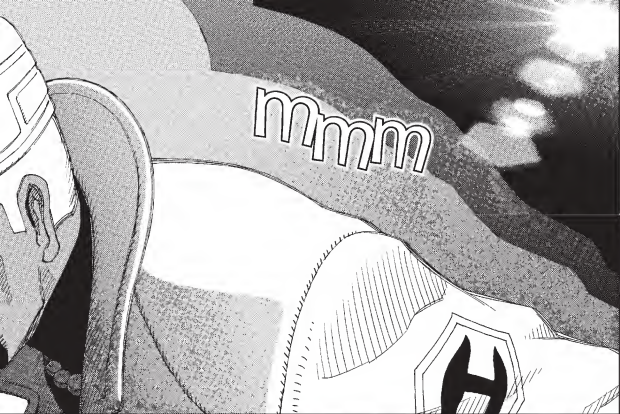
OH, MY!
IS THAT...

WHAT'S
HE
DOING
DOWN
HERE...?

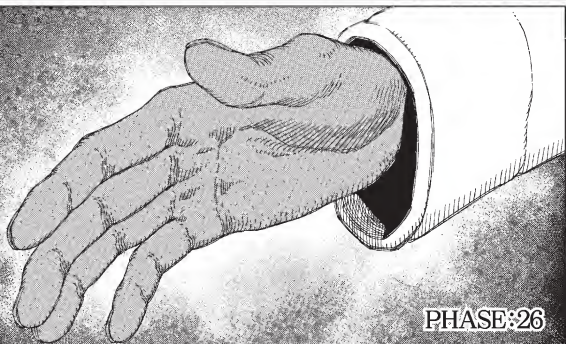








YOU
PASSED
THE
PRELIMI-
NARIES.

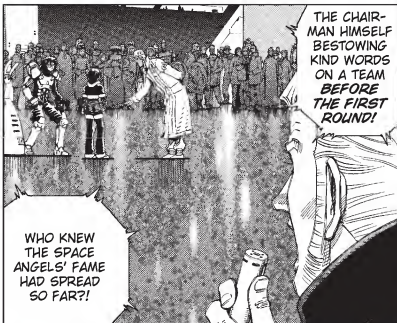


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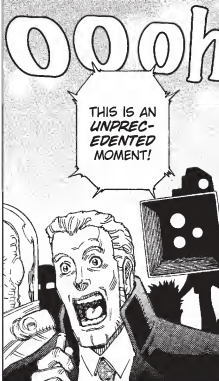
CON-
GRATULA-
TIONS.

PHASE 26:
**You Might Be
Champions**



THE CHAIR-
MAN HIMSELF
BESTOWING
KIND WORDS
ON A TEAM
BEFORE
THE FIRST
ROUND!

WHO KNEW
THE SPACE
ANGELS' FAME
HAD SPREAD
SO FAR?!



THIS IS AN
UNPREC-
EDENTED
MOMENT!



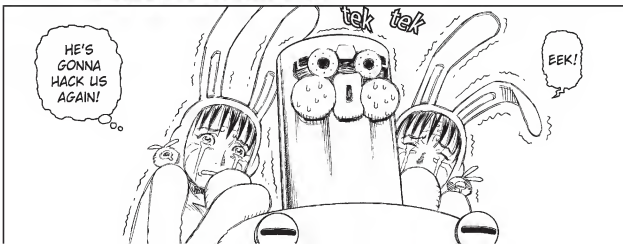
...I, JACK
GERAMBO,
FEEL
PRIVILEGED
TO BE A
REPORTER!

AT...AT
TIMES
LIKE
THESE...



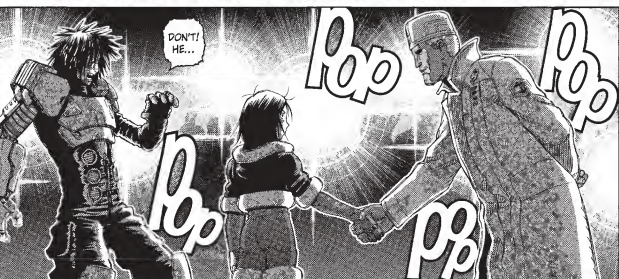
IT'S IN-
TIMIDA-
TION!

FUCKIN'
IDIOT...
THIS ISN'T
KIND-
NESS!



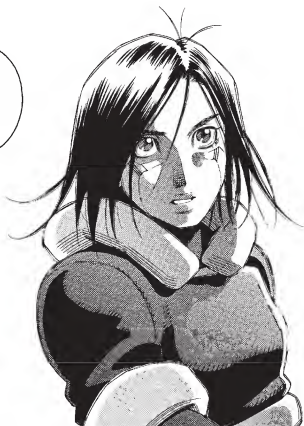
HE'S
GONNA
HACK US
AGAIN!

EEK!



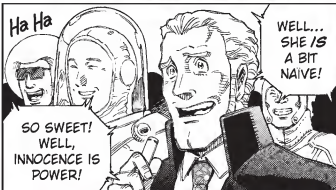
...GOING TO
ENTER THE
CONTEST?

BUT
AREN'T
YOU...



Ha Ha

SO SWEET!
WELL,
INNOCENCE IS
POWER!



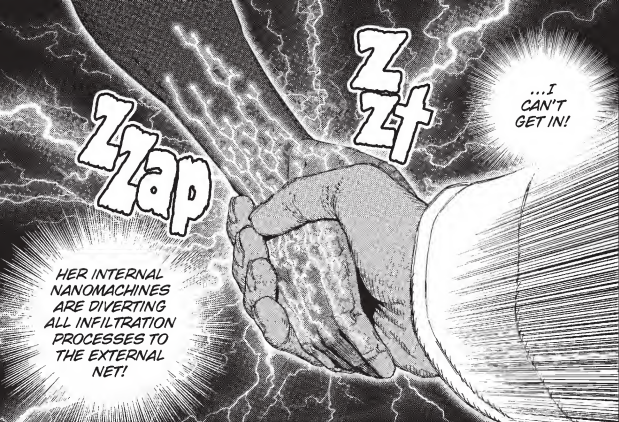
WELL...
SHE IS
A BIT
NAIVE!

?!



WH-
WHAT?!
I...





Zzap

Zzt

...I
CAN'T
GET IN!

HER INTERNAL
NANOMACHINES
ARE DIVERTING
ALL INFILTRATION
PROCESSES TO
THE EXTERNAL
NET!



SHE MUST
BE GETTING
HELP...

THIS GIRL
CAN'T
HAVE SUCH
POWER!



WHO COULD
IT BE?!

Zm

...BUT WHO
HAS SUCH
SKILL?!

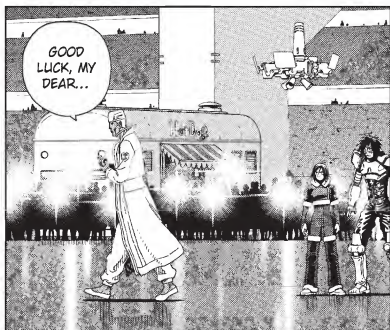
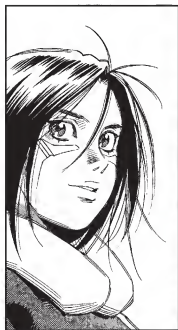
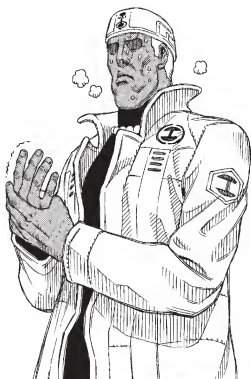


ZSh

HEH,
HEH!

HARMONIA

MARTIN COMPANY
CARGO 502



THAT
DEFENSE
PROGRAM,
IT FEELS...
FAMILIAR.

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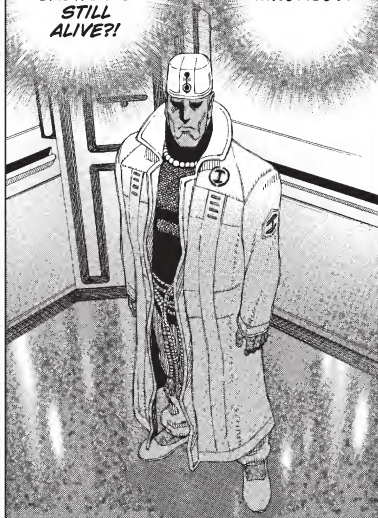
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DOES THIS
MEAN THAT
BASTARD'S
STILL
ALIVE?!

...WEASEL.

YES...
EXACTLY ONE
HUNDRED
YEARS AGO...



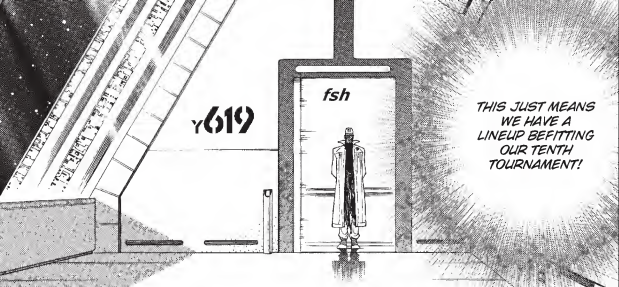
...A FOOLHARDY
HACKER
COMMITTED AN
ACT OF CYBER-
TERRORISM AT
THE FIRST ZOTT!



NOT EVEN
TRINIDAD
KNOWS
EVERYTHING.

CALM
DOWN...

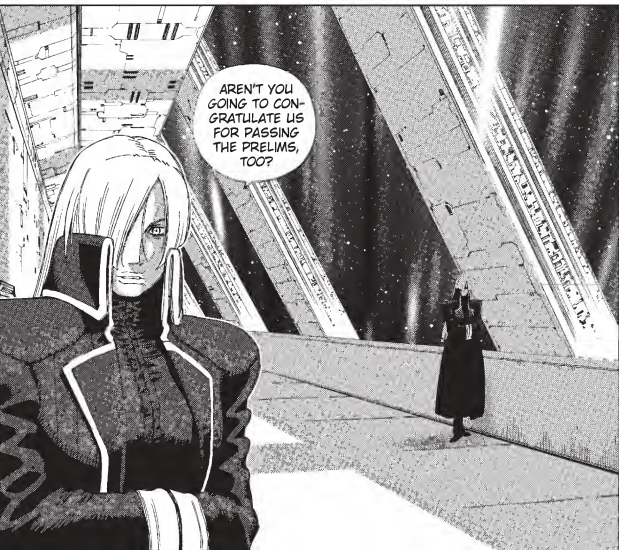




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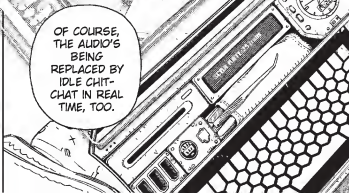
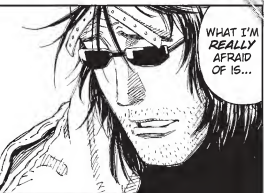
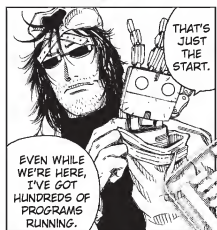
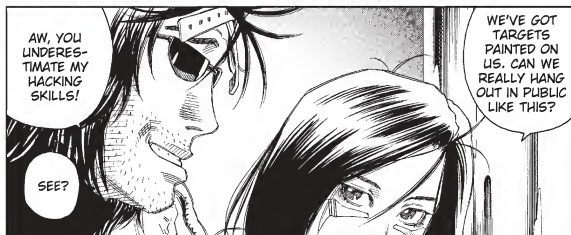
fsh

THIS JUST MEANS
WE HAVE A
LINEUP BEFITTING
OUR TENTH
TOURNAMENT!



AREN'T YOU
GOING TO CON-
GRATULATE US
FOR PASSING
THE PRELIMS,
TOO?



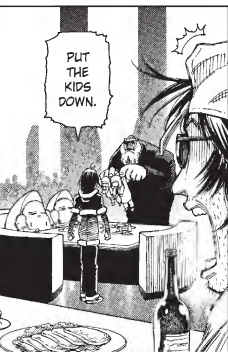




OOH!
THEY DO
LOOK
YUMMY!

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO SEE
WHAT A **WILD**
CHILD WITH
NO SELEC-
TIVE BREEDING
TASTED LIKE!
GYAHAAAA!

THEY
LOOK
QUITE
HEALTHY...



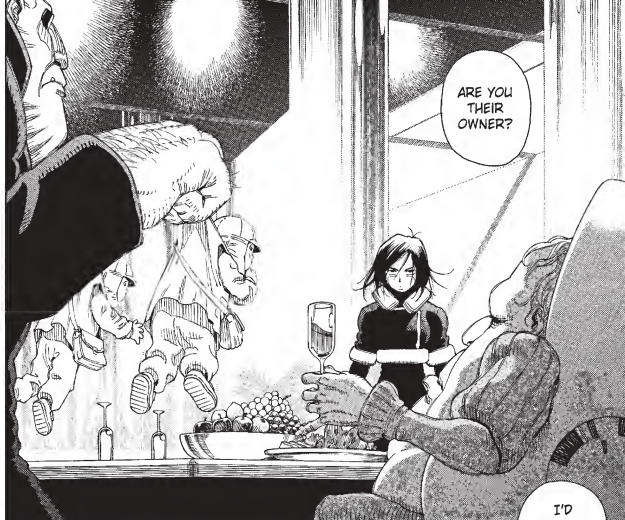
PUT
THE
KIDS
DOWN.



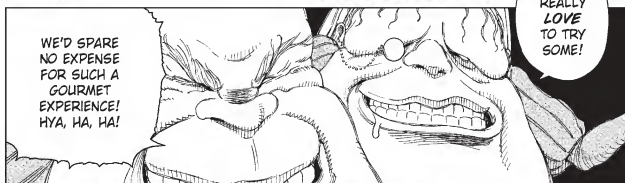
ANYWAY,
I'M **REALLY**
AFRAID OF
YOU GUYS
CAUSING
TROUBL—

HUH?

WHERE'D
YOU
GO?!

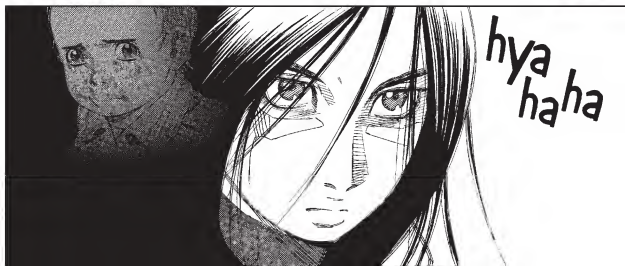


ARE YOU
THEIR
OWNER?



WE'D SPARE
NO EXPENSE
FOR SUCH A
GOURMET
EXPERIENCE!
HYA, HA, HA!

I'D
REALLY
LOVE
TO TRY
SOME!



hya
haha



GUESS
THAT CHILD
SOLDIER
THING RE-
ALLY GOT
TO HER.

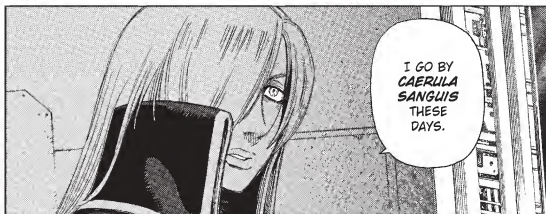


UH OH...
SHE'S GONNA
FIRE OFF AN
ELECTROMAG-
NETIC PUNCH IN
HERE?



IT'S
BEEN
AGES.

WHAT WAS
YOUR NEW
NAME,
AGAIN...?

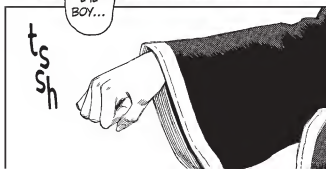


I GO BY
CAERULA
SANGUIS
THESE
DAYS.



DON'T
BE SO
BY THE
BOOK.

SO,
L'I'L
BOY...



THE
HALL...

...IT WAS
CLOSED
TO THE
PUBLIC,
YOU
KNOW.

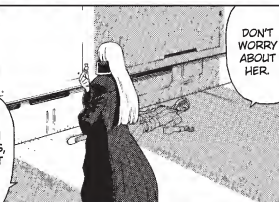


IT'S AN
EXCEPTION-
ALLY **DARK**
FLAVOR.

...LIKE
SOME
CANDY?



SHE HAD
ONE. THEY'RE
INFUSED WITH
NANOMACHINES,
SO SHE WON'T
CATCH MY
DISEASE.

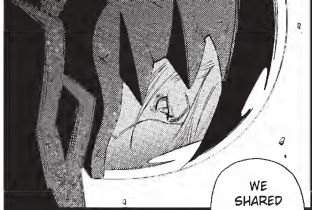


DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
HER.

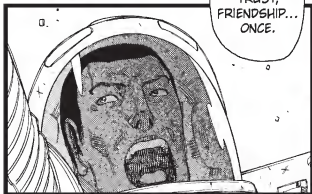


**YOU
OWE
ME.**

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'VE
FORGOTTEN
ALREADY.



WE
SHARED
TRUST,
FRIENDSHIP...
ONCE.

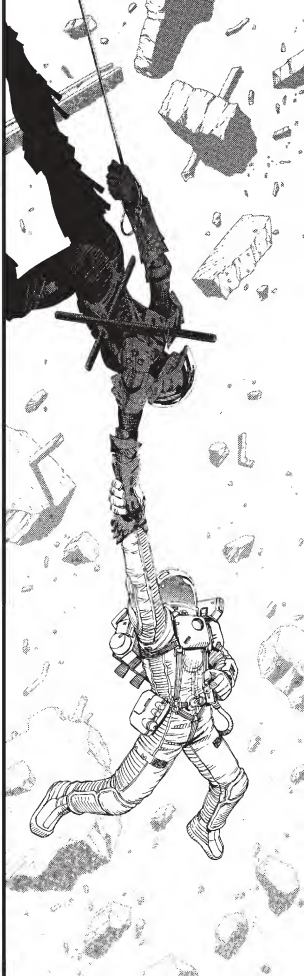


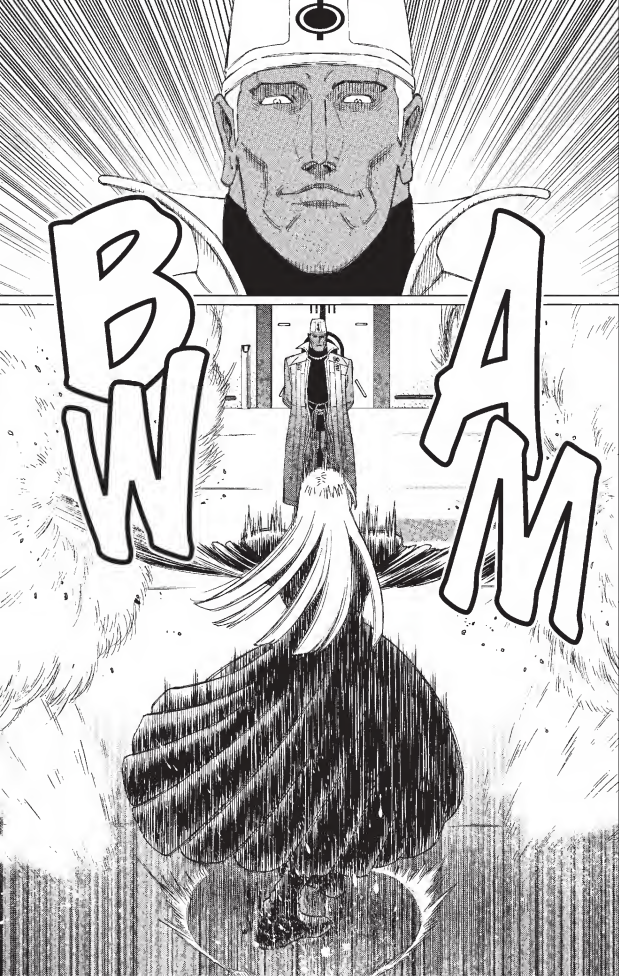
AS
FOR
NOW...?



TELL
ME...

...DOES
THE NAME
"TRINIDAD"
RING ANY
BELLS?





Spap Skrrkk

**tu
mp**

**DON'T
MAKE ANY
SUDDEN
MOVES!**

ZZUT

fwooo



IN OTHER
WORDS, A
VAMPIRE.

THIS WOMAN
IS A TYPE-V
MUTANT.



HALT.



AND FOR
SEVERAL
CENTURIES,
SHE HAS
STUDIED
KUNG FU.

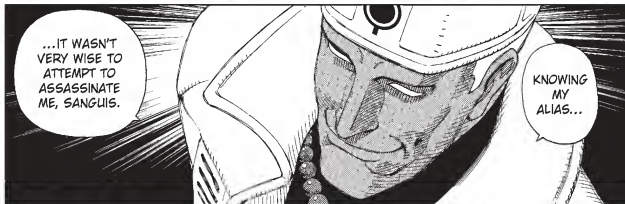
YOU ARE
NO MATCH
FOR HER.
AT ALL.



SHOW
ME YOUR
**KALARI-
PAYATTU***
ONCE
MORE.

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H
A
A

SHALL I
ASK NOW
FOR THE
LIFE YOU
OWE ME?



...IT WASN'T
VERY WISE TO
ATTEMPT TO
ASSASSINATE
ME, SANGUIS.

KNOWING
MY
ALIAS...



I WILL TELL
YOU EV-
ERYTHING...
IF YOU WIN
THE ZOTT.



WHAT HAP-
PENED ON
PLUTO... DID
IT REALLY
CHANGE YOU
SO MUCH?!



YOU
HAVE
TAKEN
ON TOO
MUCH.



tmp

tmp

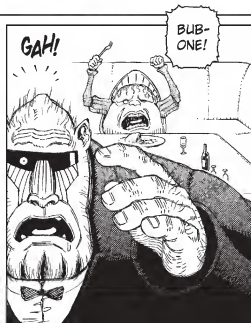
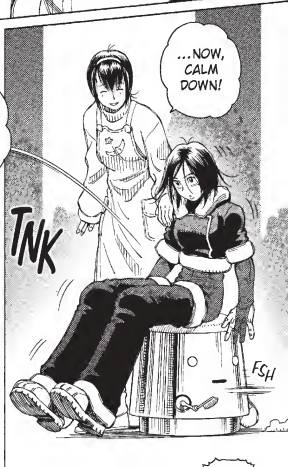


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***Kalaripayattu**: An Indian martial art. According to legend, Shakyamuni, the founder of Buddhism, was a master of kalaripayattu. It was a precursor to Chinese kung fu.

WITH
YOUR TEAM,
YOU MIGHT BE...
CHAMPIONS.

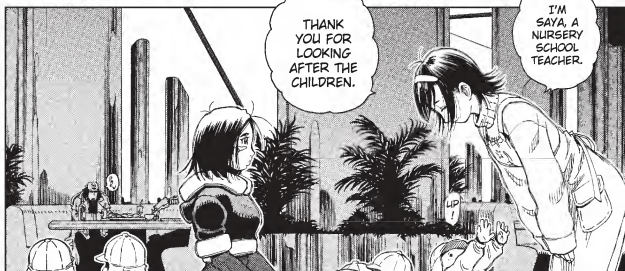


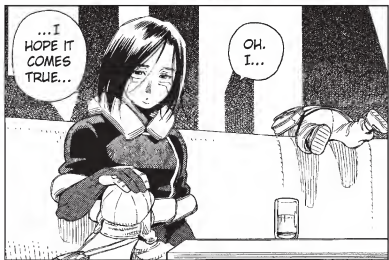


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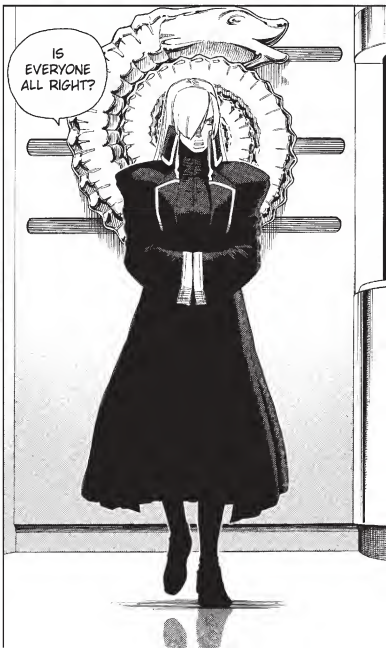
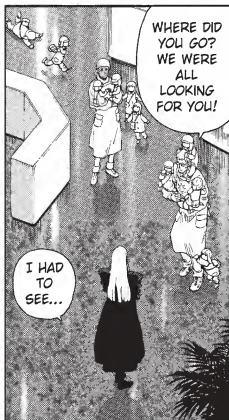
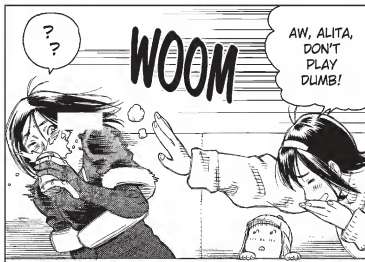
fwa







*Aiki jujutsu: A hand-to-hand martial art that was the forefather of classic Japanese jujutsu. According to legend, the "baritsu" techniques that Sherlock Holmes used to throw Prof. Moriarty over the waterfall were actually this martial art.





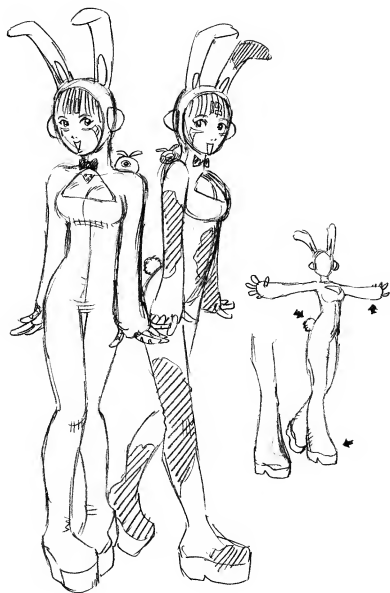
GO EASY
ON US,
ALITA-
PLEASE!



THE
STELLAR
NURSERY
SOCIETY TEAM...
GUNTROLL!



LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
UP AGAINST
THEM
NEXT.



The Hungarias* Asteroids
ABOUT A MONTH AGO...

...THE JUPITER UNION TOOK
LARGE-SCALE MILITARY ACTION TO
COUNTERACT THE INCREASING
NEONATAL SURVIVAL RATE.

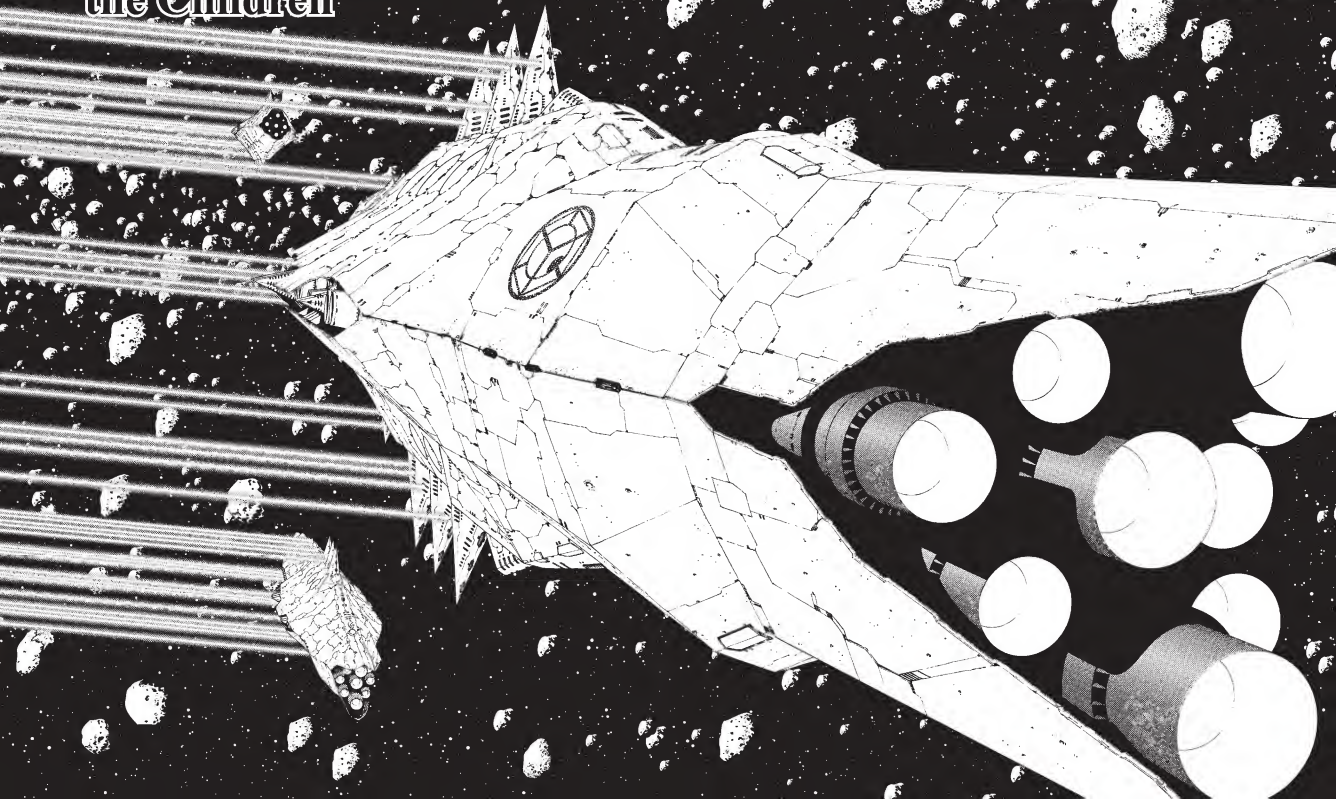
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*Hungarias: Asteroids in the asteroid belt are subdivided by orbit into groups. These groups are called "families," and were identified in 1918 by Kiyotsugu Hirayama of Japan. Other asteroid families include the Floras, Phocaea, Koronis, Eos, Themis, Cybeles, and Hildas.

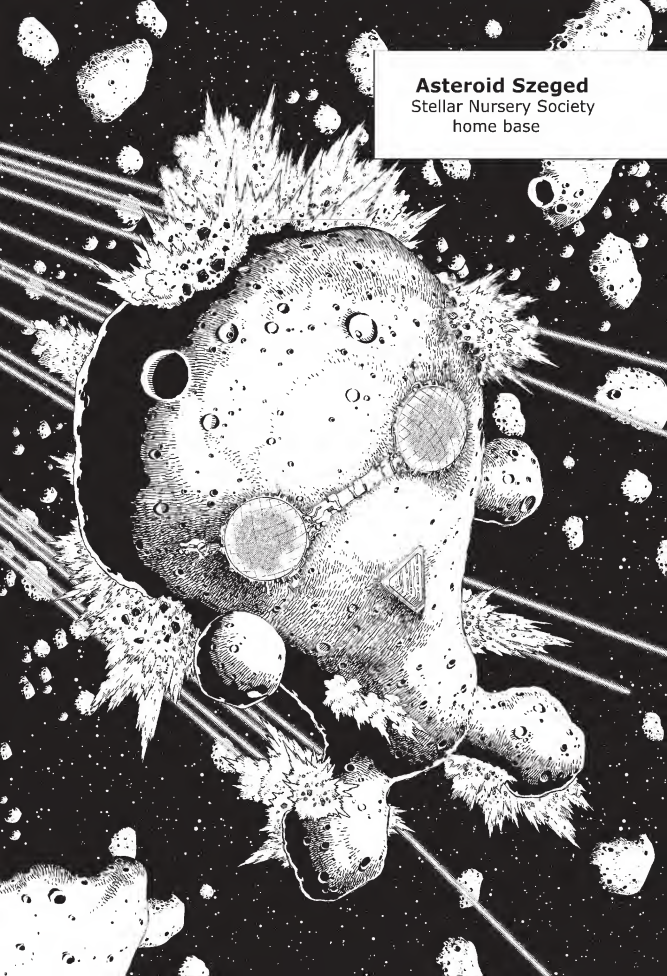
PHASE 27

We Must Protect
the Children

Operation Lawnmower



Asteroid Szeged
Stellar Nursery Society
home base





DAMN!
WE WERE
TOO
LATE!

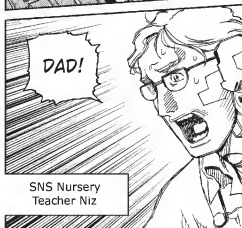
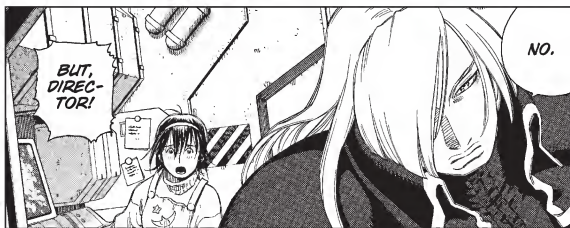
Guntroll
SNS Assault Landing
Nursery Bus

THEIR
DISINFO OP
LED US
ASTRAY!

UNION
BAS-
TARDS!

SNS Director
Caerula Sanguis

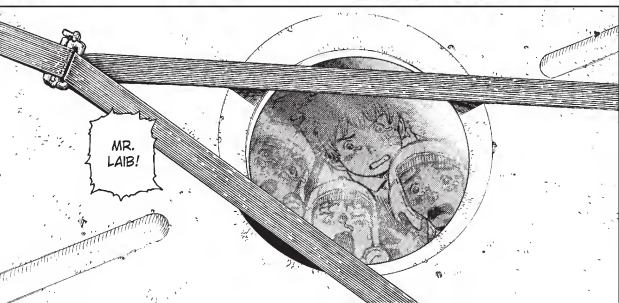
Guntroll Captain
Qu Tsang



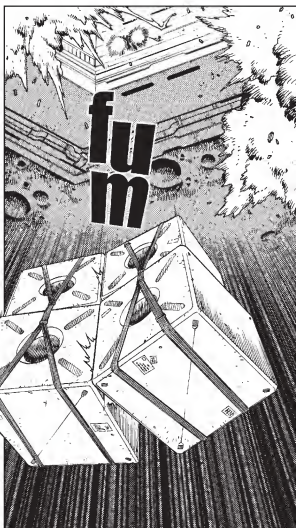
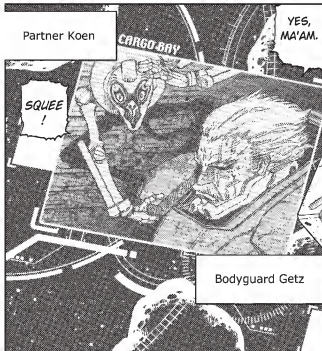
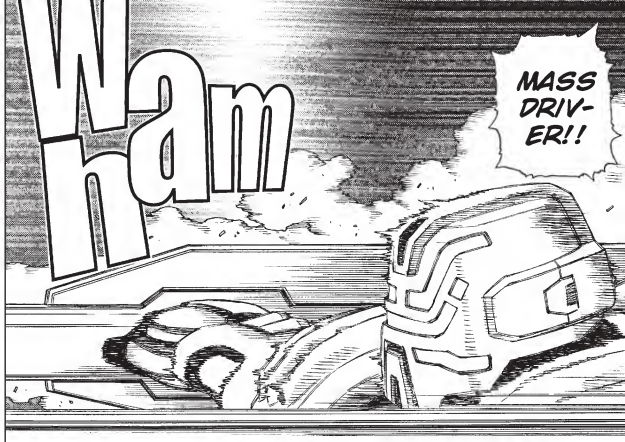


I'M
EJECTING
CHILDREN IN
STORAGE
UNITS!

GRAB
THEM!

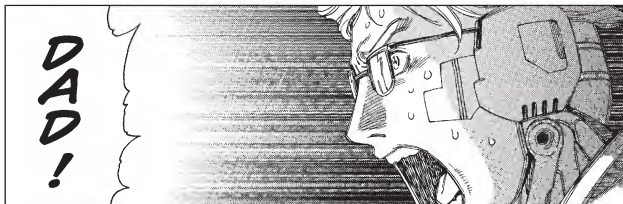
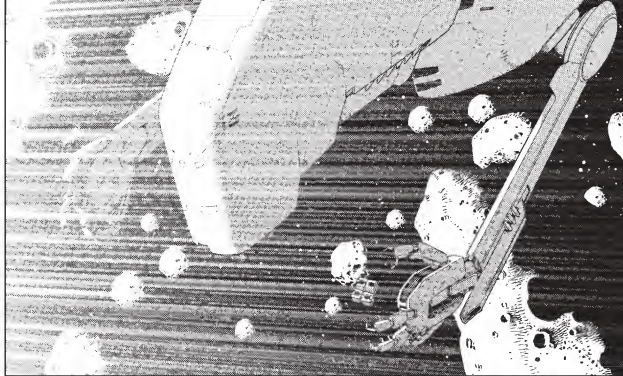


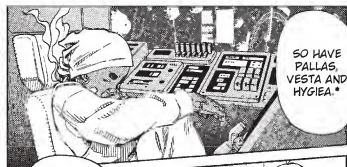
MR.
LAIB!











SO HAVE
PALLAS,
VESTA AND
HYGIEA.*



ALL OF OUR
AGENCIES
AND SPON-
SORS HAVE
CUT OFF
CONTACT, AS
WELL...

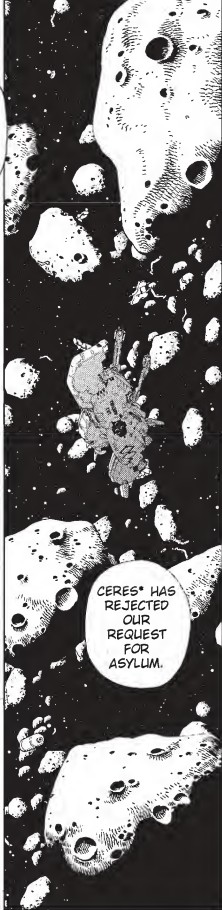


WITH SZEGED
GONE, WE
HAVE NO-
WHERE LEFT
TO GO.

BUT WE
CAN'T
GIVE UP!



WE MUST
PROTECT THE
CHILDREN!

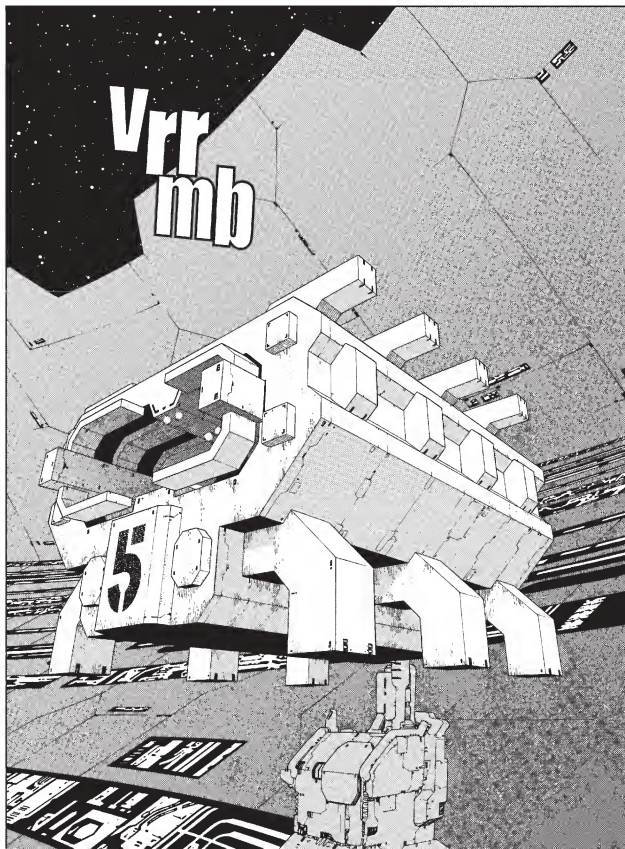


CERES* HAS
REJECTED
OUR
REQUEST
FOR
ASYLUM.

*Ceres: The largest asteroid, at 952 kilometers (590 miles) in diameter. Home to an autonomous colony city-state (colonipolis).

*Pallas, Vesta, Hygiea: The second, third, and fourth-largest asteroids. Each has a colonipolis.

ZOTT Day 2: Round One First Match



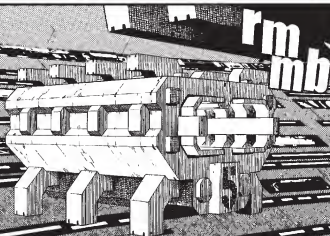
THE SPACE
ANGELS VS.
THE FIGHTING
NURSERY
SCHOOL,
GUNTROLL!

raah



oooh

...SO WE
EXPECT A
GREAT
BATTLE
IN THIS
MATCH!



BOTH
TEAMS
PROVED
QUITE
FIERCE
IN THE
PRELIMS...



...BUT I CAN'T
GET LOU
BACK IF
I DON'T
WIN.



WHAT ARE
YOU
WORRYING
ABOUT?



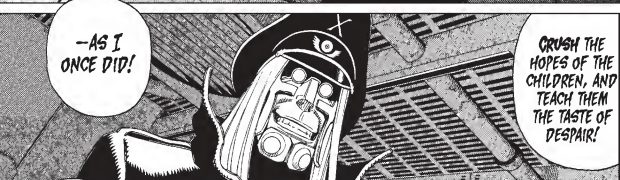
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



I DON'T
WANT TO
FIGHT...

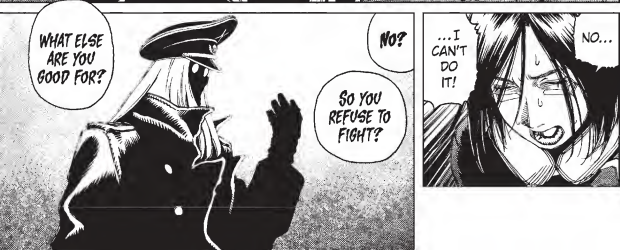


YOU ONLY NEED
TO GO OUT
THERE AND KILL
THE ENEMY!



-AS I
ONCE DID!

CRUSH THE
HOPES OF THE
CHILDREN, AND
TEACH THEM
THE TASTE OF
DESPAIR!



WHAT ELSE
ARE YOU
GOOD FOR?

NO?

SO YOU
REFUSE TO
FIGHT?

...I
CAN'T
DO
IT!

NO...



YOU ARE
A SLAVE
SOLDIER! ALL
YOU CAN DO
IS FIGHT TILL
YOU DIE!

...TO FEEL THE
INTOXICATING
FREEDOM OF
EXCEEDING YOUR
LIMITS!

EVEN IF IT IS
NOTHING BUT
AN ILLUSION!

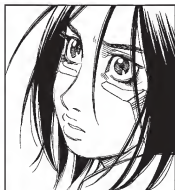
YOU FIGHT
TO FEEL
FREE!

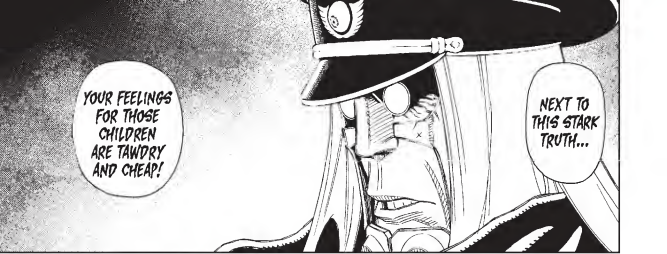


DIGNITY!

THIS
INTOXICA-
TION IS THE
SLAVE'S ONE
AND ONLY...

YES...





YOUR FEELINGS
FOR THOSE
CHILDREN
ARE TAWDRY
AND CHEAP!

NEXT TO
THIS STARK
TRUTH...



ARE
TRULY...

TRULY
WORTH-
LESS!

YOUR LOVE
FOR THESE
SMALL
THINGS...

YOUR
PITY...

YOUR GUILT
AT FAILING
TO SAVE
GIRAUD...



THEY WILL
GROW INTO
ROTTEN
CRIMINALS!

THEY DO
HAVE
ONE...



NO!
THEY'RE
NOT
WORTH-
LESS!



I'M
TRYING
TO SAVE
LOU-
A VICTIM
OF THE
SYSTEM!

THAT DESIRE
AND THE
DESIRE TO
HELP THESE
CHILDREN ARE
THE SAME!!

THOSE
CHILDREN
CAN STILL
HAVE A
FUTURE!

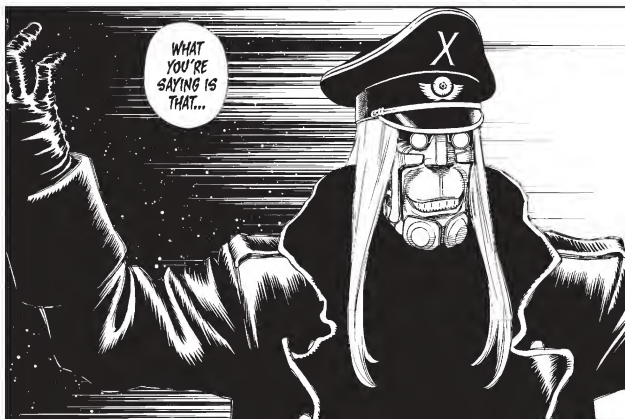


YOUR PUNY
BRAIN HAS
MANU-
FACTURED
A NOBLE
CAUSE.



HEH HEH
HEH!

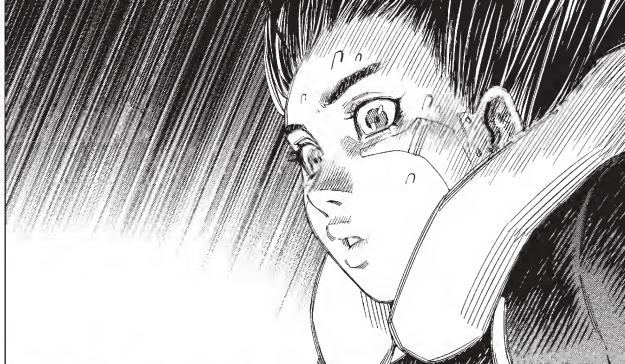
clap

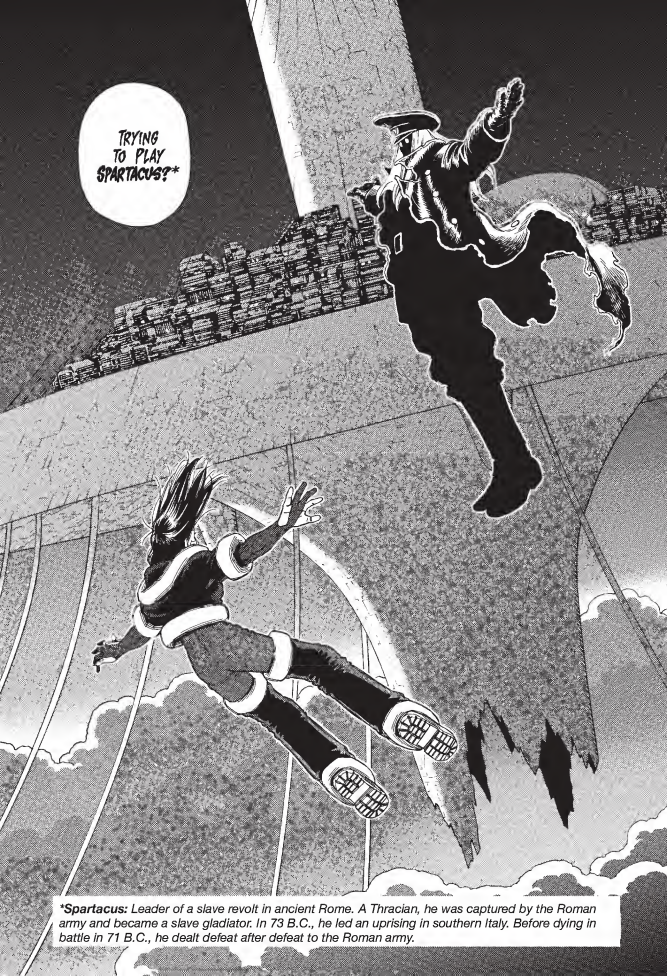


WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING IS
THAT...

**YOU WANT
TO CHANGE
THE
WORLD?!**

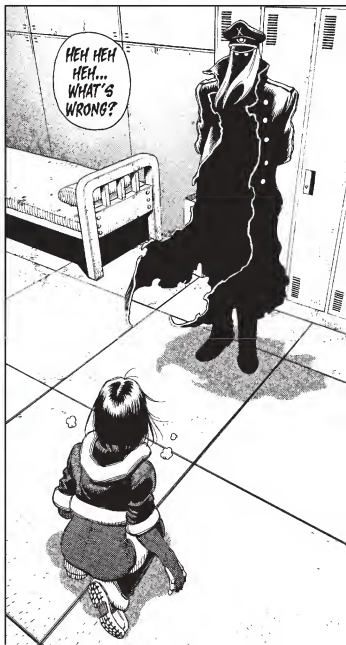
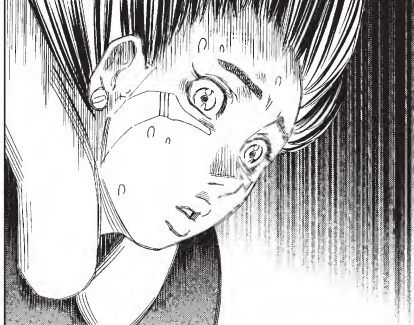






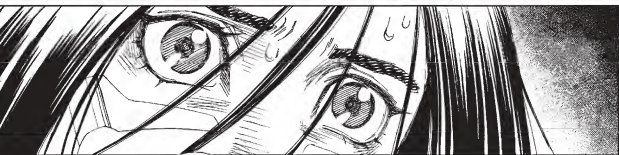
TRYING
TO PLAY
SPARTACUS?*

***Spartacus:** Leader of a slave revolt in ancient Rome. A Thracian, he was captured by the Roman army and became a slave gladiator. In 73 B.C., he led an uprising in southern Italy. Before dying in battle in 71 B.C., he dealt defeat after defeat to the Roman army.



...BUT ALL
TWENTY
THOUSAND
TIPHAREANS
INSIDE THE
INCUBATOR!

IF WHAT
YOU SAY IS
TRUE, YOU
MUST FREE NOT
JUST YOUR
FRIEND...



YOUR ONLY
CONCERN IS
RESCUING
YOUR
FRIEND...

BUT YOU
HAVEN'T
THE LEAST
INTENTION
OF DOING
THAT!





...BUT TO
ERASE YOUR
OWN FEELINGS
OF GUILT!

AND EVEN THAT
YOU DO NOT FOR
THE SAKE OF
HER HAPPI-
NESS...



TH-
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE!



BUT YOU
WILL HAVE TO
CHOOSE...



THERE'S
NO NEED TO
PRETEND IN
FRONT OF
ME...



**GO
AWAY!**

A close-up of a man with long, dark hair, shouting with his mouth wide open. His face is contorted with effort, and sweat droplets are visible on his forehead and cheeks. The background is white.



Kesh

A large, stylized sound effect 'Kesh' in a bold, outlined font. Below the text, there is a depiction of a building's exterior with a railing and some debris, suggesting a scene of destruction or a fall.



**YOUR
FRIEND...**

A woman with long, dark hair is shown in profile, looking forward with a determined expression. Her face is marked with sweat droplets. The background consists of dark, horizontal motion lines, giving a sense of speed or tension.

**OR THE
CHILDREN?**



HIC.

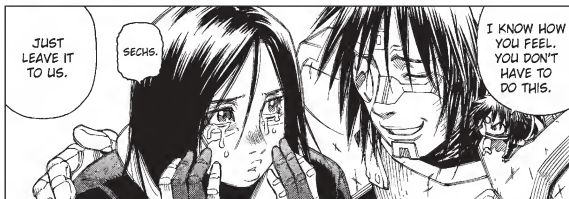
SNF!



NOT IN
A GOOD
MOOD?

OH,
MY!

tnk
wnk



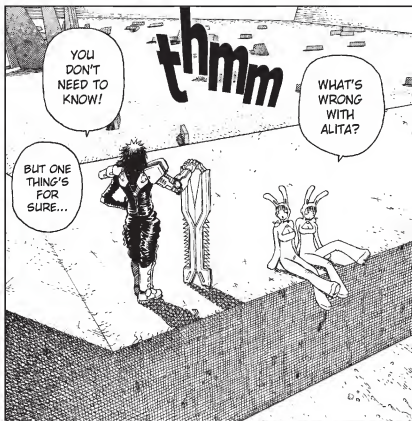
JUST
LEAVE IT
TO US.

SECHS.

I KNOW HOW
YOU FEEL.
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
DO THIS.



THIS
MATCH
IS UP TO
US!



YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
KNOW!

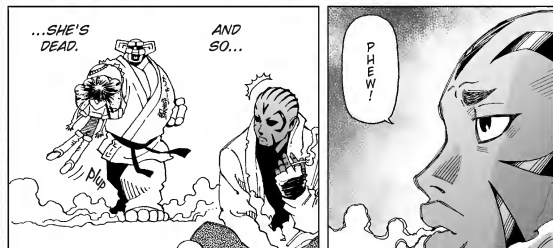
BUT ONE
THING'S
FOR SURE...

thmm

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
ALITA?

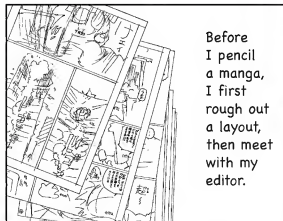
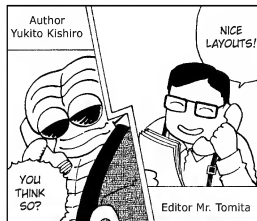
**LET'S
GO,
BUNNIES!**





This is a true story that occurred during a meeting regarding Phase 23 of *Last Order*.

No Good World!



Mr. Tomita felt that Zazie's actions lessened the impact of Alita's climactic attack.

Sometimes the author gets so into his story that he can't see the forest for the trees. At those times, the editor's opinion is very important.

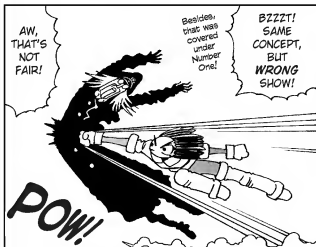
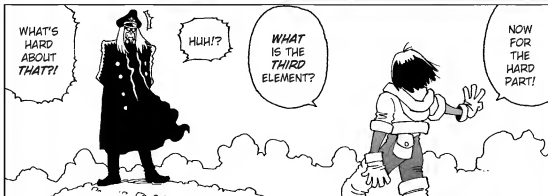


Here's what I saw!



A local legend...

No Good Punch!



Sorry for the '70s flashback! The correct answer is: "Three! All the ugly ogres of the world—Momotaro will vanquish them all!" That's the catch phrase from the show "Momotaro Samurai." Payne was trying to sing the song from the anime "Inakappe Taisho."



ALITA
ALITA
Last
Order



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PHASE 28

Want to Hear My Song?



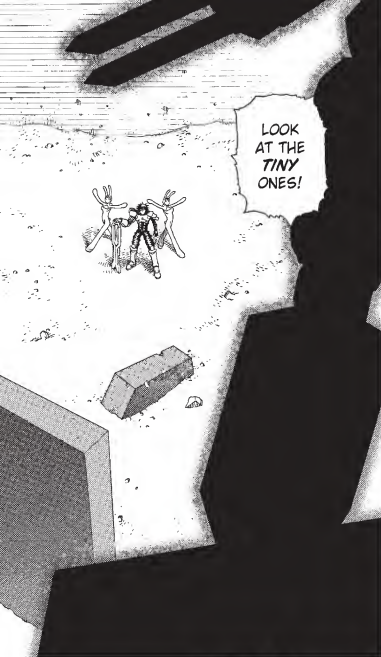
"WHAT DOES
IT TAKE TO
BE A TRUE
WARRIOR?"



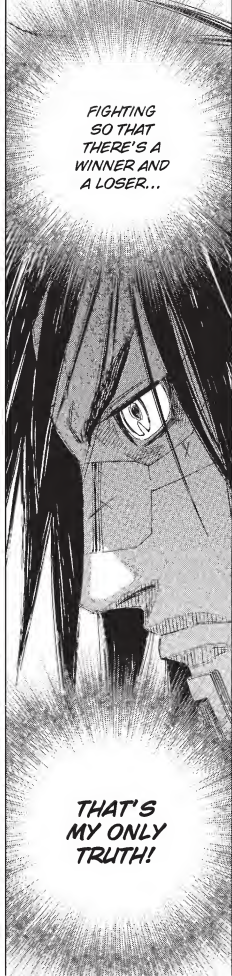
I NEED
MORE THAN
BOASTS!

I'M DONE
GETTING
MIXED UP
OVER THE
ANSWER!





LOOK
AT THE
TINY
ONES!



FIGHTING
SO THAT
THERE'S A
WINNER AND
A LOSER...



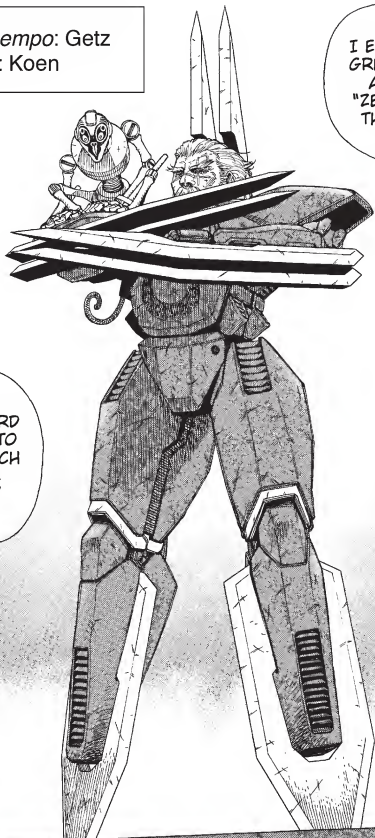
SAY
WHAT?

THAT'S
MY ONLY
TRUTH!

Guntroll sempo: Getz
Jiho: Koen

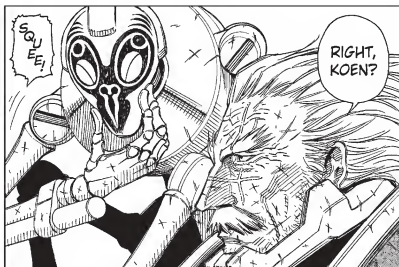
I EXPECTED
GREATNESS
AT THE
"ZENITH OF
THINGS"!

MY SWORD
WEEPS TO
FACE SUCH
SMALL
FRIES!





ARE YOU
CALLING
ME A
RUNT?



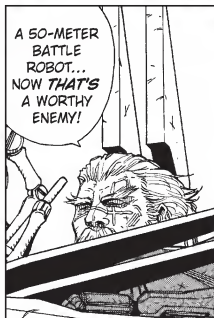
SQUEE!

RIGHT,
KOEN?



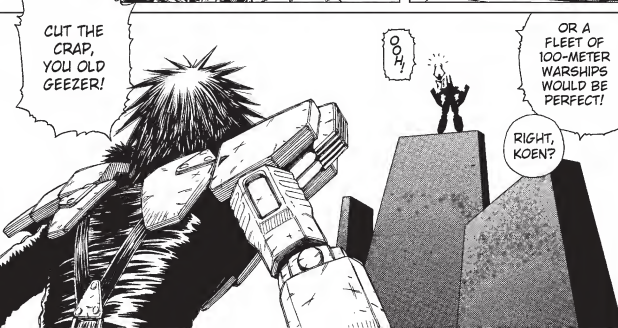
50-
METER?!

!



A 50-METER
BATTLE
ROBOT...
NOW THAT'S
A WORTHY
ENEMY!

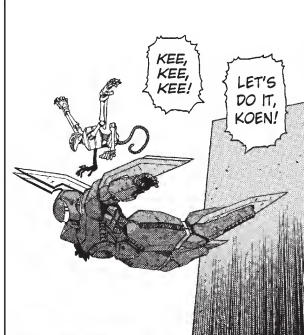
CUT THE
CRAP,
YOU OLD
GEEZER!



OOH!

OR A
FLEET OF
100-METER
WARSHIPS
WOULD BE
PERFECT!

RIGHT,
KOEN?



KEE,
KEE,
KEE!

LET'S
DO IT,
KOEN!

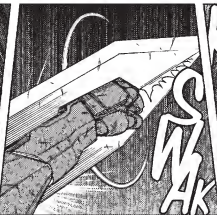


HATE
TO SWAT
A FLY
WITH A
BILLY
CLUB...

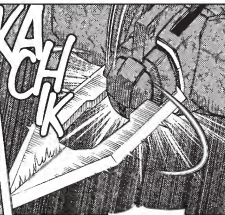
BUT I
MUST!
FORGIVE
ME!



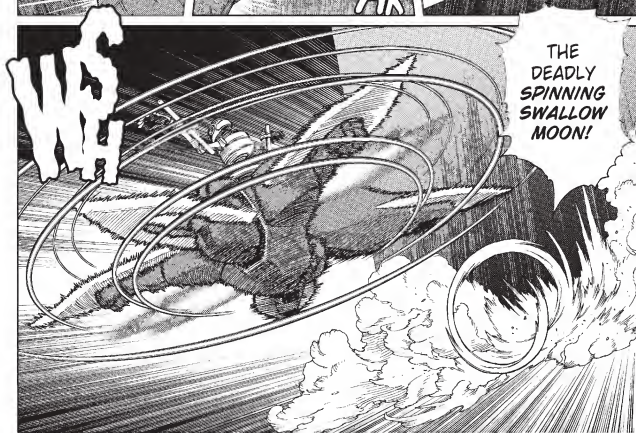
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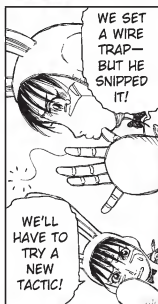
SW
AK



KA
CH
K



THE
DEADLY
SPINNING
SWALLOW
MOON!



ZISH

COME AT
ME FROM
ANY
DIRECTION!

I'LL
BLOW YA
APART
WITH
THIS!

VMM

THAT
WAS
QUICK!

IT DISCHARGES
TEN TIMES
FASTER THAN
BEFORE! RE-
PEAT FIRE, TOO!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

BUT HE
CAN DO
IT OVER
AND
OVER!

HE
FIRES
FAST?
EWW, I'LL
PASS.

ZUB

WUB

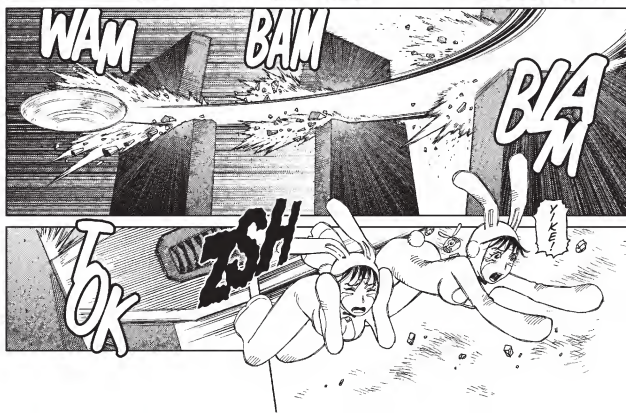
RMBRMBRMB

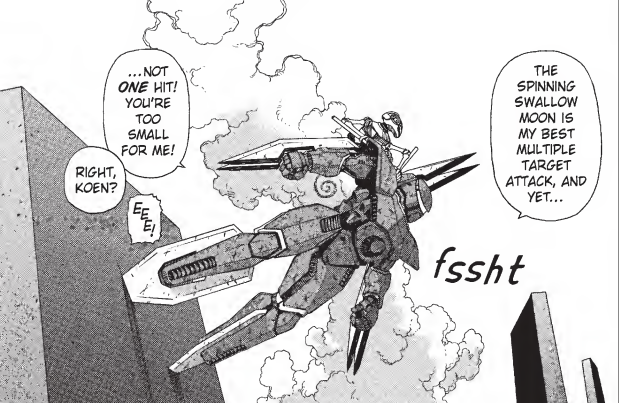
**CH
CAY**



FIRING
HEAD-ON
WON'T DO
A THING...

...AGAINST
AN ELECTRO-
MAGNETIC
BARRIER AND
ALL THAT
ROTATIONAL
POWER!





...NOT
ONE HIT!
YOU'RE
TOO
SMALL
FOR ME!

RIGHT,
KOEN?

EE
EE!

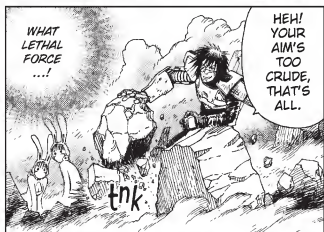
THE
SPINNING
SWALLOW
MOON IS
MY BEST
MULTIPLE
TARGET
ATTACK, AND
YET...

fssht



HE
WASN'T
LYING...

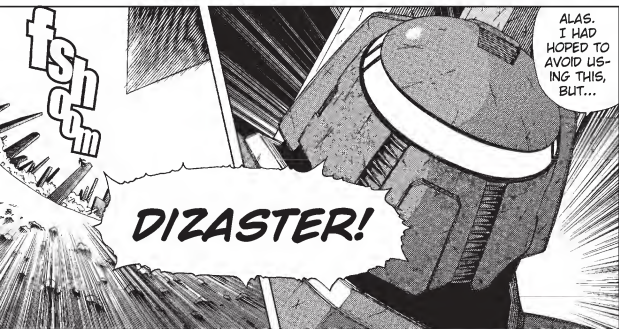
...WHEN HE
SAID HE
FIGHTS
WARSHIPS!



WHAT
LETHAL
FORCE
...!

HEH!
YOUR
AIM'S
TOO
CRUDE,
THAT'S
ALL.

tnk



ALAS.
I HAD
HOPED TO
AVOID US-
ING THIS,
BUT...

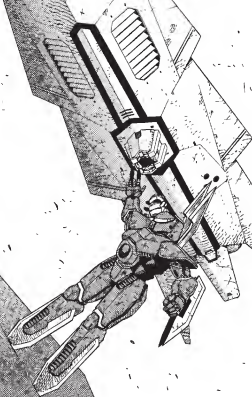
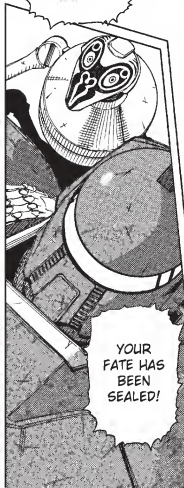
DIZASTER!

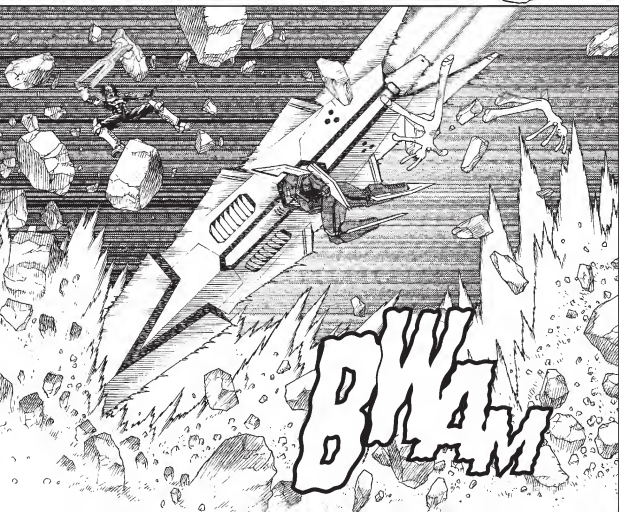
Woomsh

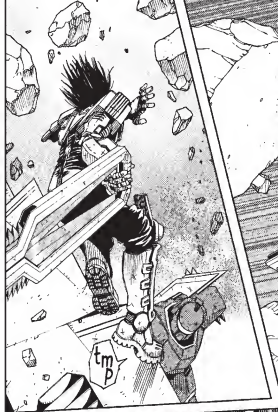
THIS
IS MY
SWORD.

THE
ANTI-SHIP
ASSAULT
SWORD,
DIZASTER!

YOUR
FATE HAS
BEEN
SEALED!









WH-
WHAT'S
WITH THE
DAMN
MONKEY?

tmp



FORCE-
FIELD
AGAIN!

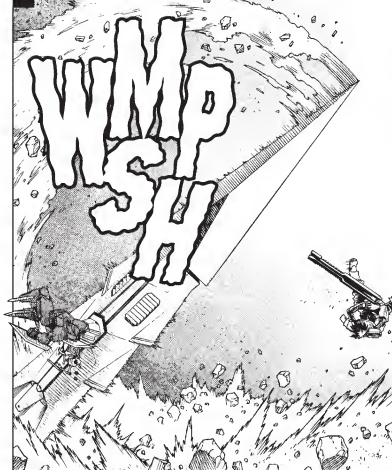


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fsh
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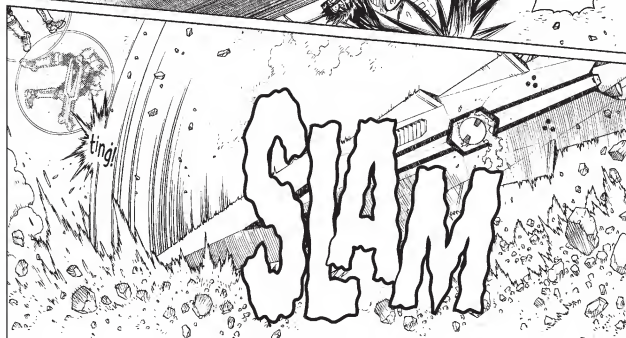


UHH
!

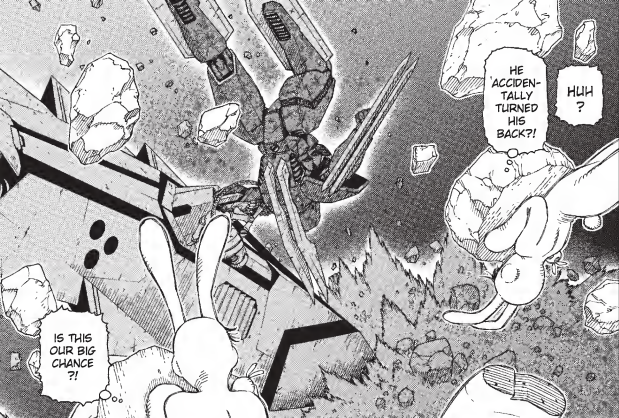


HE'S
HUGE...
BUT SO
FAST!

ARRGH
!



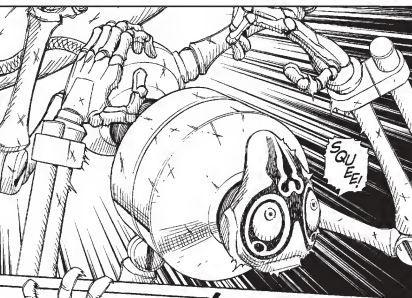
ting!



HE
ACCIDENTALLY
TURNED
HIS
BACK?!

HUH
?

IS THIS
OUR BIG
CHANCE
?!



SQUEE!



shp

PESKY
CHIMP!



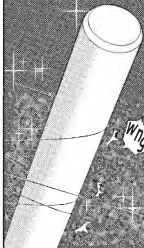
I'LL MAKE
SASHIMI
OUT OF
YOU!

twek

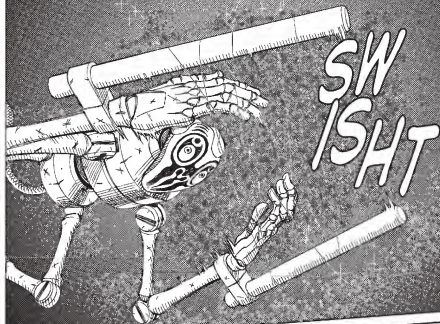


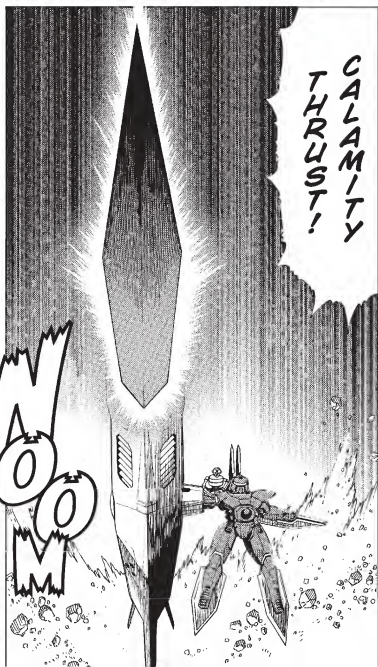
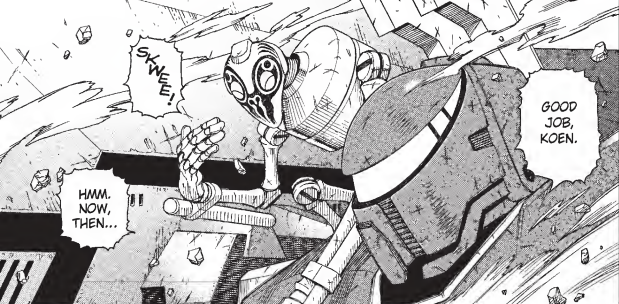
BUNNY
SUITS AND
MONO-WIRE
WILL SLIP
PAST HIS
BARRIER!

LOOKS
LIKE
WE'VE
GOT HIM
NOW!



Pilgrim's Cane
A staff made of
mono-molecular
materials.







ZA

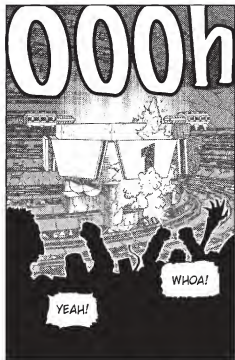


ZAM

ZAM

ZAM





YEAH!

WHOA!



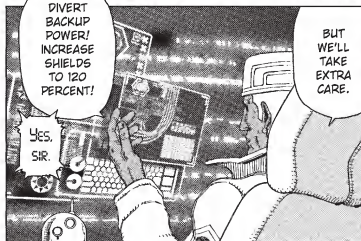
THE ARENA IS
SEALED BY FIVE
LAYERS OF
SHIELDS, AND
CAN EVEN
WITHSTAND A
NUCLEAR BLAST.

HAVE
NO FEAR.



ARE...
ARE WE
ALL RIGHT
HERE,
MBADI?

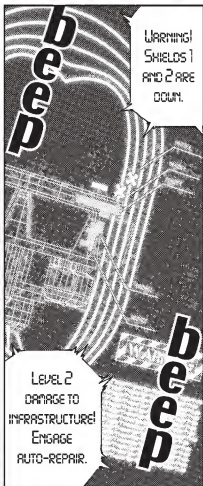
WM
WM



DIVERT
BACKUP
POWER!
INCREASE
SHIELDS
TO 120
PERCENT!

YES,
SIR.

BUT
WE'LL
TAKE
EXTRA
CARE.

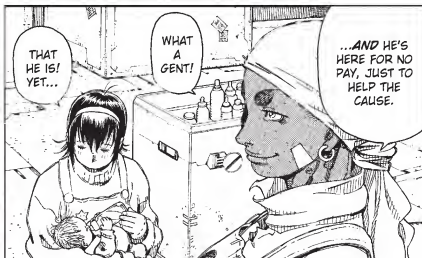
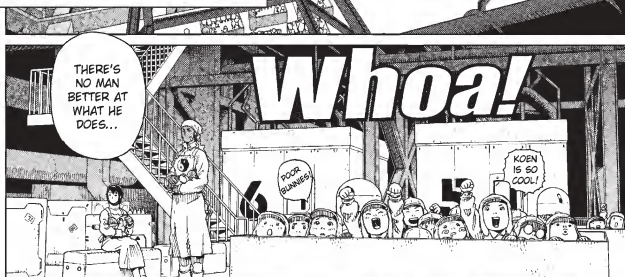


WARNING!
SHIELDS 1
AND 2 ARE
DOWN.

LEVEL 2
DAMAGE TO
INFRASTRUCTURE!
ENGAGE
AUTO-REPAIR.



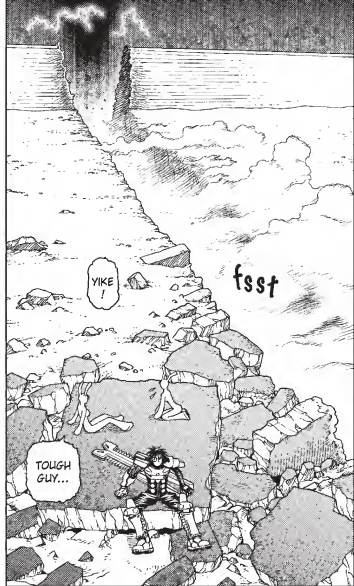
Guntroll platform





I AIMED
TO MISS...
THIS
TIME!

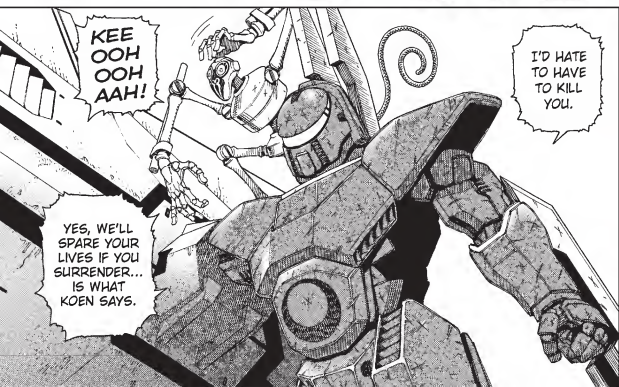
VWOO



YIKE
!

fsst

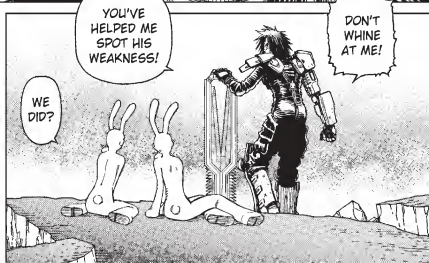
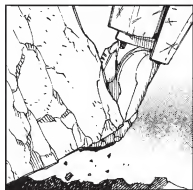
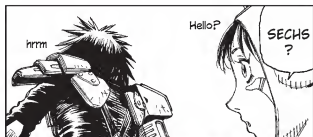
TOUGH
GUY...

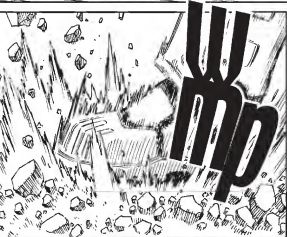
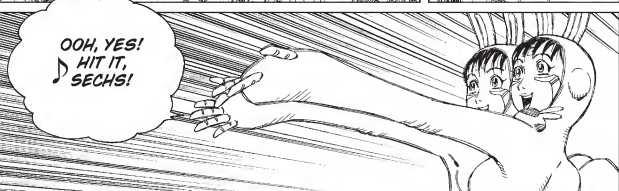
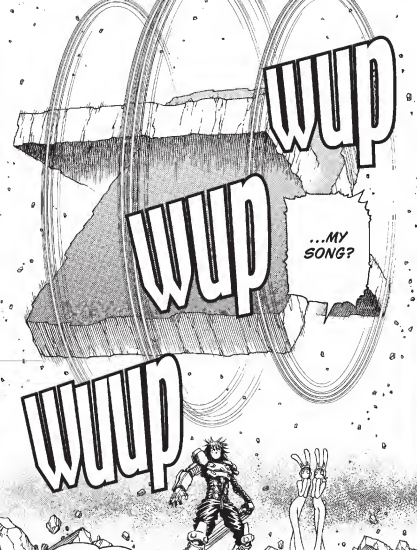


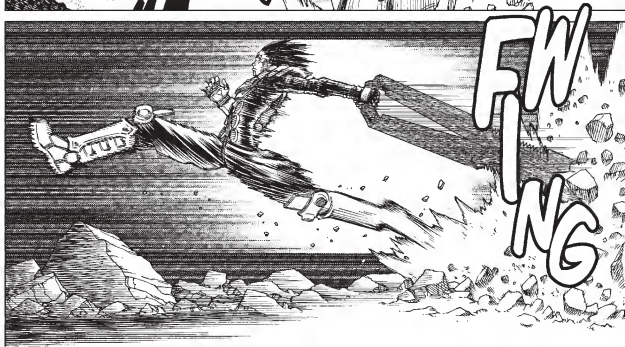
KEE
OOH
OOH
AAH!

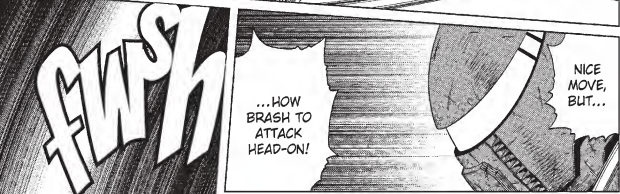
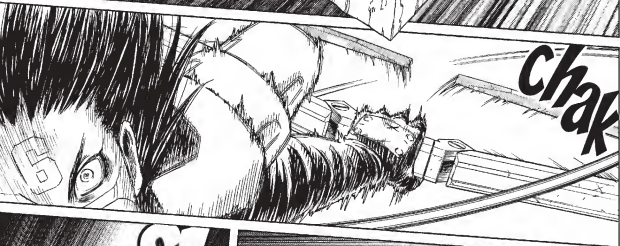
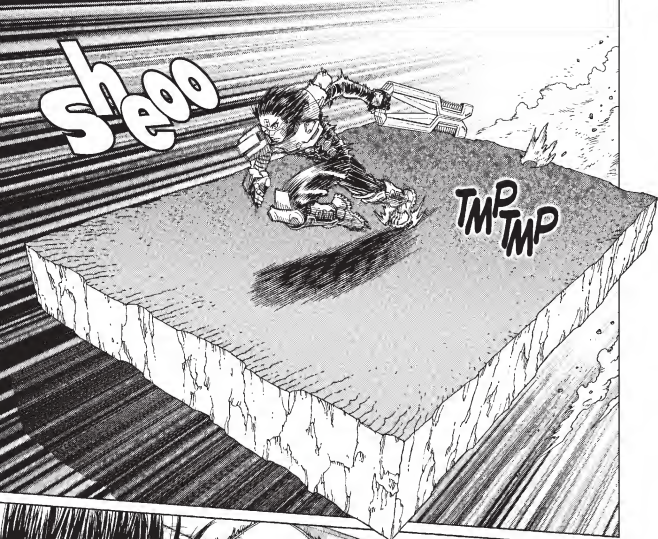
YES, WE'LL
SPARE YOUR
LIVES IF YOU
SURRENDER...
IS WHAT
KOEN SAYS.

I'D HATE
TO HAVE
TO KILL
YOU.



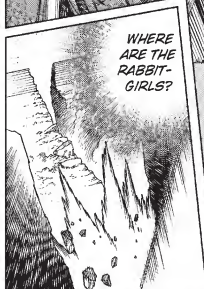




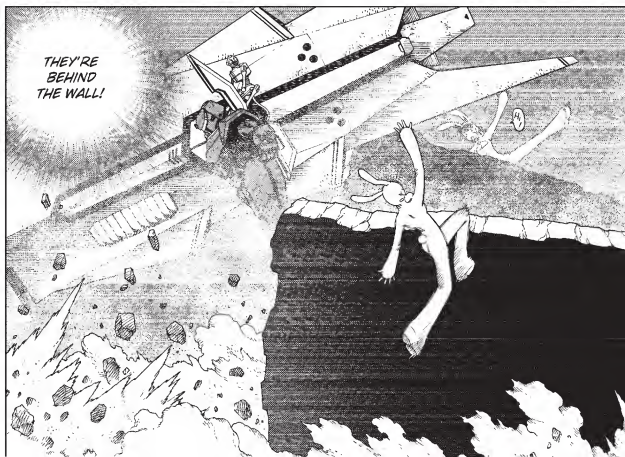




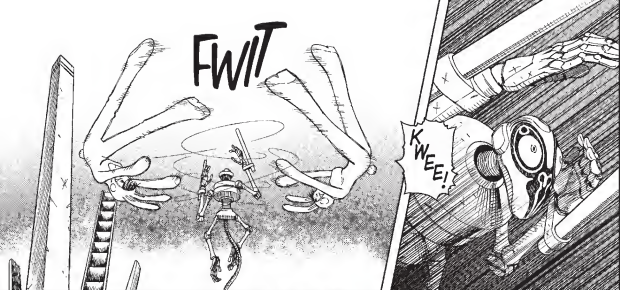
HMM
?!

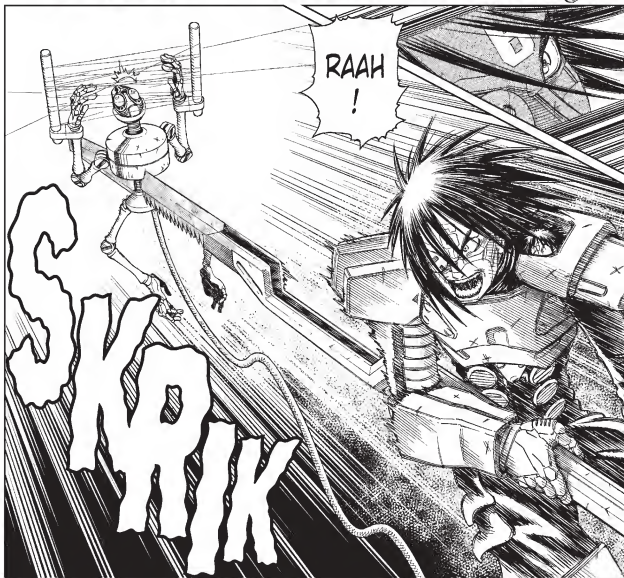
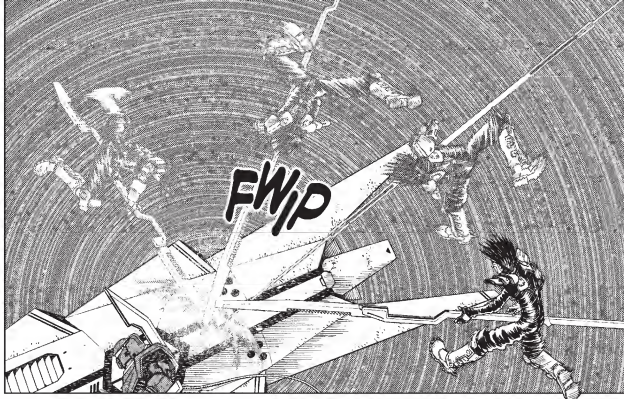


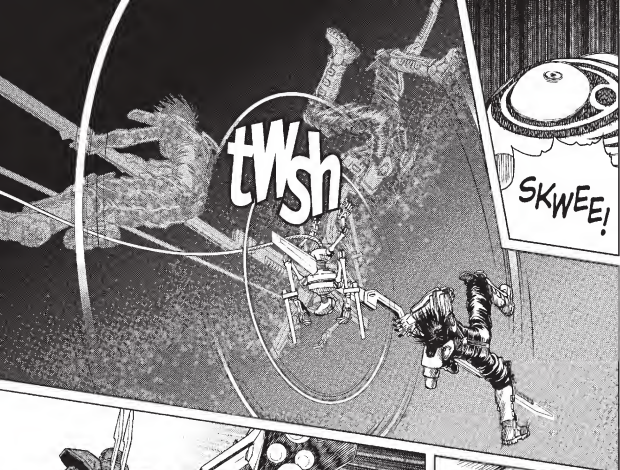
WHERE
ARE THE
RABBIT-
GIRLS?



THEY'RE
BEHIND
THE WALL!



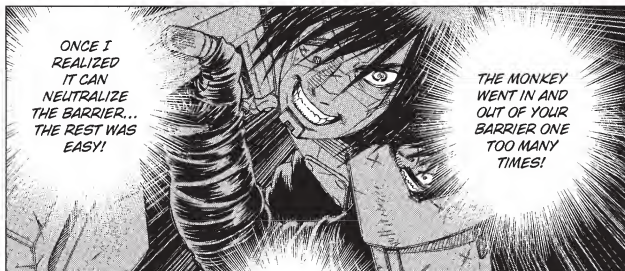






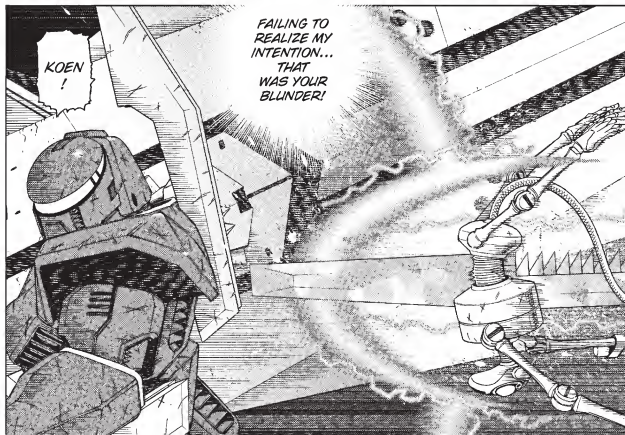
...WAS
TO GET
KOEN ALL
ALONG!

I SEE!
YOUR
PLAN...



ONCE I
REALIZED
IT CAN
NEUTRALIZE
THE BARRIER...
THE REST WAS
EASY!

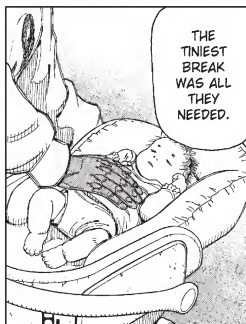
THE MONKEY
WENT IN AND
OUT OF YOUR
BARRIER ONE
TOO MANY
TIMES!



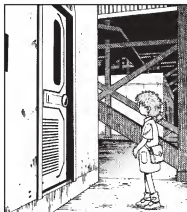
KOEN
!

FAILING TO
REALIZE MY
INTENTION...
THAT
WAS YOUR
BLINDER!









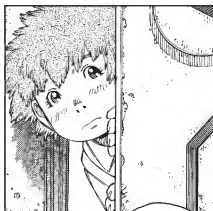
COME
ON!
LET'S
GO!



NIZ!
ARE YOU
READY?!



MR.
N...

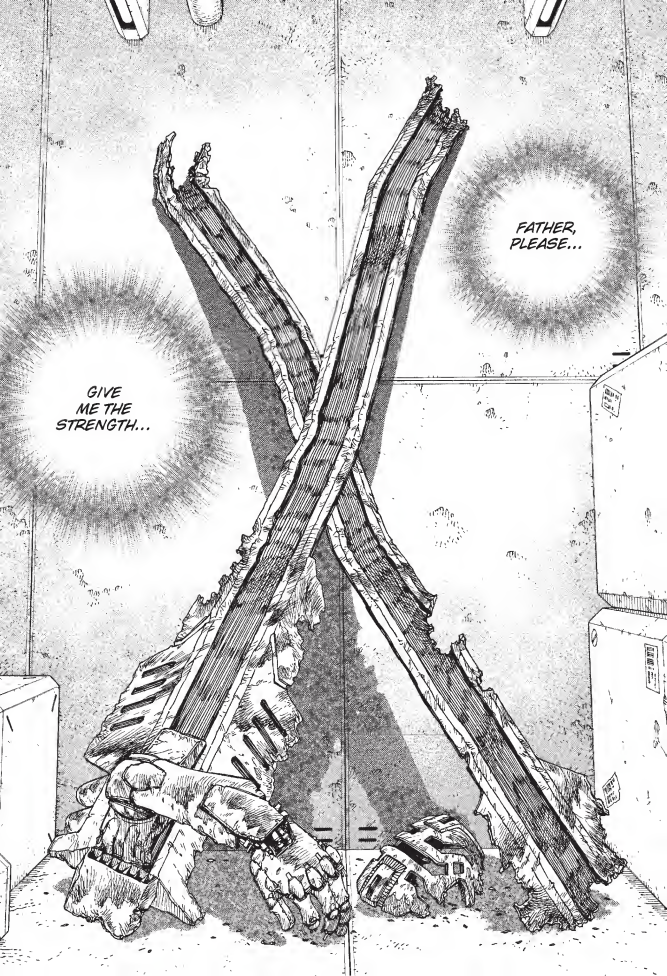


DON'T
YOU
FRET.

I'M NOT
GOING TO
LOSE.



...PLEASE
DON'T GET
HURT...



FATHER,
PLEASE...

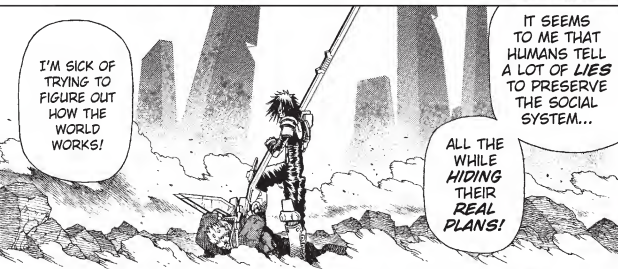
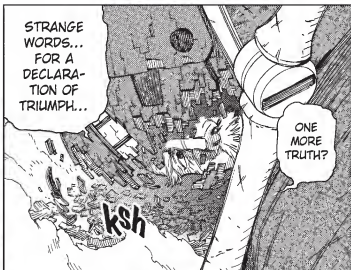
GIVE
ME THE
STRENGTH...

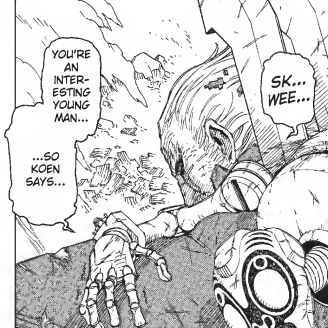
shaaa

TODAY
I'VE
LEARNED
ONE MORE
TRUTH!

HA,
HA,
HA!



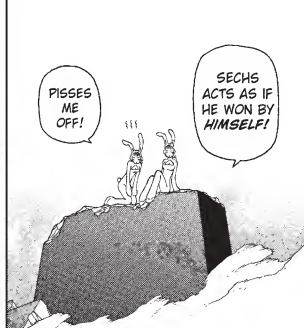




YOU'RE
AN
INTER-
ESTING
YOUNG
MAN...

SK...
WEE...

...SO
KOEN
SAYS...



PISSES
ME
OFF!

SECHS
ACTS AS IF
HE WON BY
HIMSELF!



MY
LIFE?



I NEVER
THOUGHT
ABOUT
THAT!

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



YOU
FIGHT IN
PURSUIT
OF THE
TRUTH...

...OR DO YOU
VALUE THAT
QUEST MORE
THAN YOUR
EGO... AND
YOUR LIFE?



I JUST
WANT TO
BECOME A
TRUE
WARRIOR!

STOP ASKING
ME TRICKY
QUESTIONS!



BUT THE
WORLD IS
OVERFLOW-
ING WITH
MYSTERIES!

HA, HA,
HA!
IS
THAT
SO?!



ARE YOU
TRYING TO
MAKE A
FOOL OF
ME?!



DO YOU
HAVE THE
POWER TO
SOLVE THEM
ALL?!



I'LL
KILL
Y—



GAH!

SH
WAK



I SEE
YOU'VE
TAKEN CARE
OF OUR
BODY-
GUARDS...



...BUT
NOW
YOU'LL
HAVE TO
FIGHT US!

Guntroll *chuken*: Niz
Fukusho: Qu Tsang



PHASE 29

This Is Sooo Good!



ROUND ONE,
AND THE
GUNTROLLS
FACE THE
SPACE
ANGELS...

GUNTROLL



GETZ



KOEN



NIZ



QU TSANG



BLANK



SECHS



ELF



ZIWOLF



ALIT

ONLY DEATH
CURES IDIOTS

Nouten Failure™

...WHO NOW
LEAD 5-3
AFTER THE
DEFEAT OF
GETZ AND
KOEN,
GUNTROLL'S
SENDO AND
JIHO!



YES,
UM...

HI!

...SO I'VE
INVITED MR.
HEGEOR
HOPPER,
MARTIAL
ARTS
SCHOLAR,
TO JOIN
US!

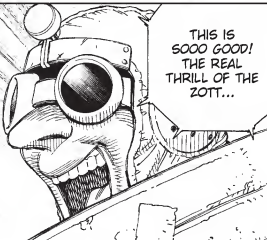
I, JACK
GERAMBO,
DO NOT HAVE
EXPERTISE
IN ALL
COMBAT
FORMS...



...IS
WATCHING
SUPERHUMAN
MARTIAL
ARTS STYLES
UPEND ALL
CONVENTIONAL
WISDOM!

THIS IS
SOOO GOOD!
THE REAL
THRILL OF THE
ZOTT...

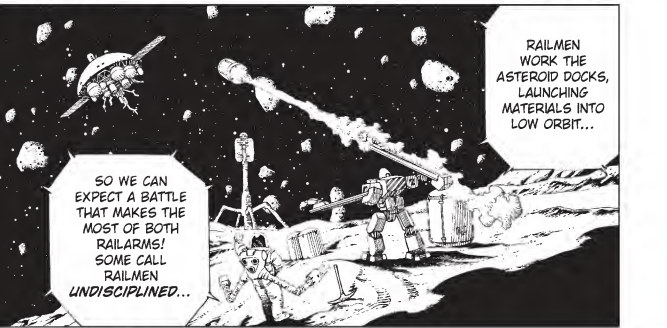
WHAT DO YOU
THINK? WITH HIS
HUGE DESTRUC-
TIVE POWER, GETZ
SEEMED LIKE THE
OBVIOUS WINNER,
BUT...



A close-up of a young man with light-colored hair, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. He is wearing a dark, high-collared uniform.

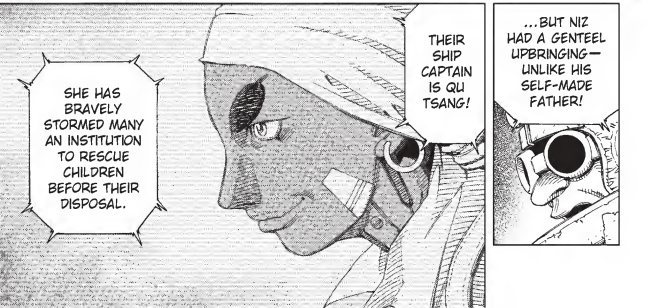
NIZ...
HIS FATHER
WAS RENOWNED
FOR HIS
APTITUDE AS A
RAILMAN.

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK OF
GUNTROLL'S
CHUKEN AND
FUKUSHO?

A wide shot of an asteroid surface. Several railmen, wearing specialized suits and carrying long tools, are working. One railman is in the foreground, looking towards the viewer. In the background, a large, complex structure is being built or maintained. A small satellite or probe is visible in the upper left corner of the frame.

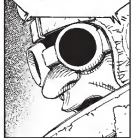
SO WE CAN
EXPECT A BATTLE
THAT MAKES THE
MOST OF BOTH
RAILARMS!
SOME CALL
RAILMEN
UNDISCIPLINED...

RAILMEN
WORK THE
ASTEROID DOCKS,
LAUNCHING
MATERIALS INTO
LOW ORBIT...

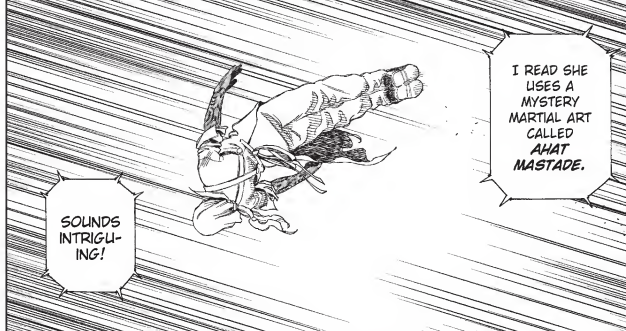
A close-up of a man with a dark, textured face, wearing a white headband and a large, circular earring. He is looking slightly to the left with a serious expression.

SHE HAS
BRAVELY
STORMED MANY
AN INSTITUTION
TO RESCUE
CHILDREN
BEFORE THEIR
DISPOSAL.

THEIR
SHIP
CAPTAIN
IS QU
TSANG!

A close-up of a character's face, wearing a large, circular, metallic-looking visor or helmet. The character has a serious expression.

...BUT NIZ
HAD A GENTEE
UPBRINGING—
UNLIKE HIS
SELF-MADE
FATHER!



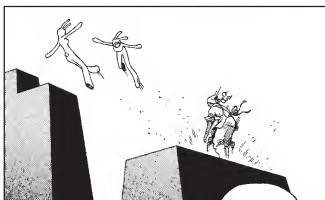
SOUNDS
INTRIGU-
ING!

I READ SHE
USES A
MYSTERY
MARTIAL ART
CALLED
AHAT
MASTADE.



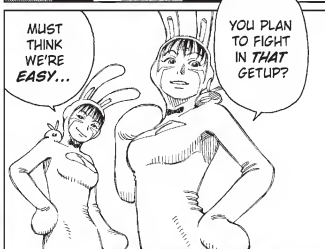
THIS
IS MY
FIGHT-
ING'
OUTFIT!

GOT A
PROBLEM
WITH IT?!

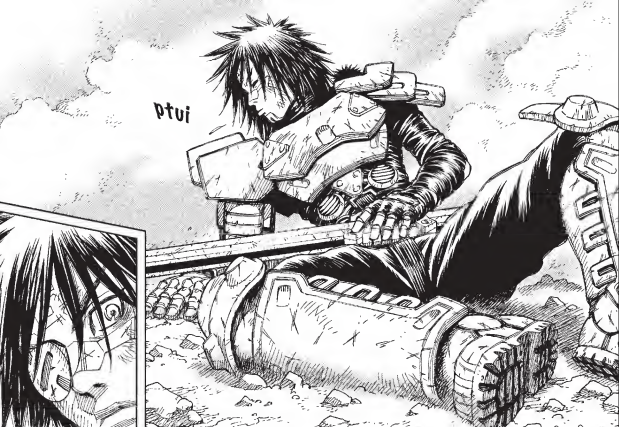


MUST
THINK
WE'RE
EASY...

YOU PLAN
TO FIGHT
IN **THAT**
GETUP?



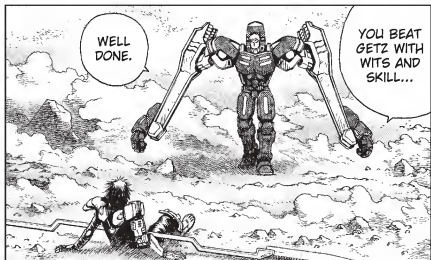
heh



ptui



BUT YOUR
STRENGTH
IS MISSING
SOMETHING
VITAL...



WELL
DONE.

YOU BEAT
GETZ WITH
WITS AND
SKILL...



shnk

AND THERE
IS NO WAY
I WILL
LOSE TO
YOU!

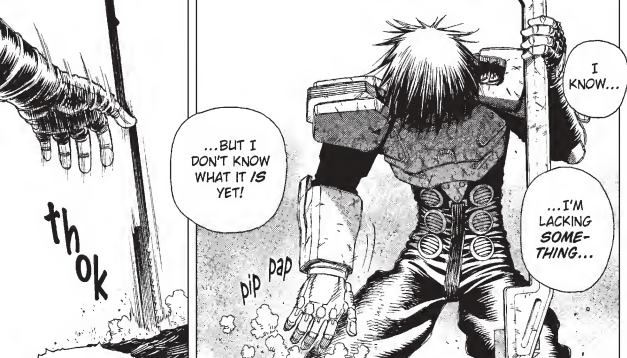


SAY
WHAT?



*THIS
VICTORY...*

*...SHALL
BE
MINE!*



...BUT I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT IT *IS*
YET!

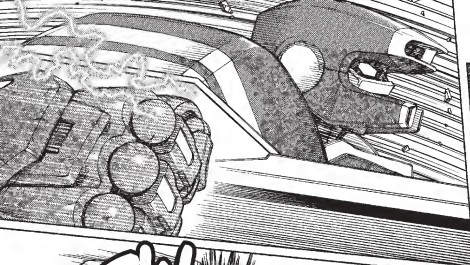
I
KNOW...

...I'M
LACKING
SOME-
THING...

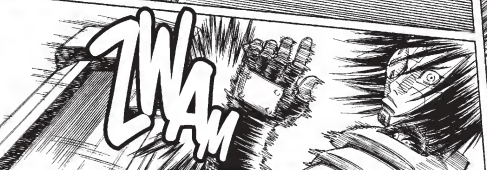
ARE YOU
SAYING
YOU'RE GONNA
TELL ME?!

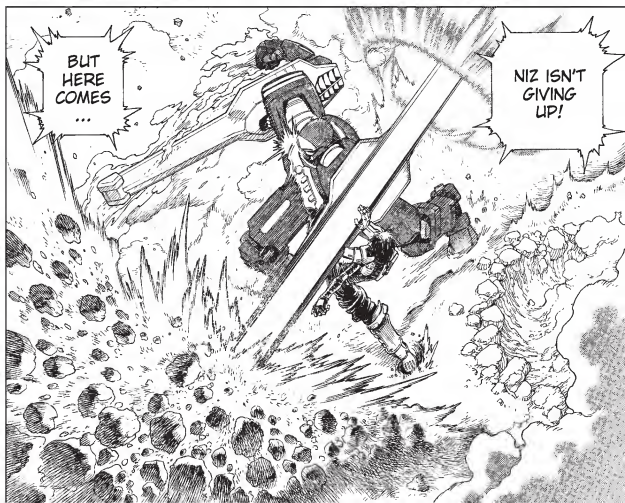
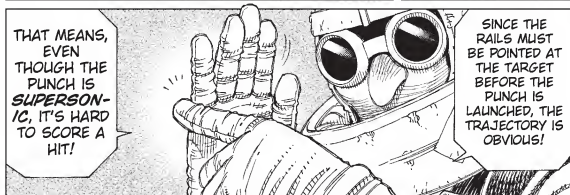
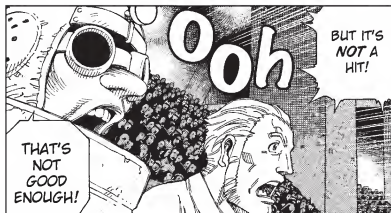


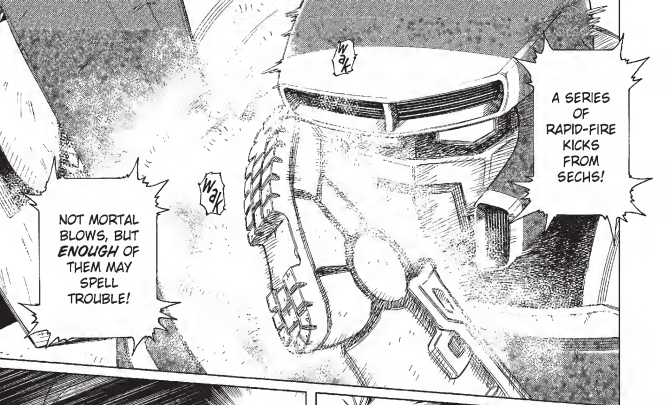




**SUPERSONIC
PUNCH...
MISSED?!**







A SERIES
OF
RAPID-FIRE
KICKS
FROM
SECHS!

NOT MORTAL
BLOWS, BUT
ENOUGH OF
THEM MAY
SPELL
TROUBLE!



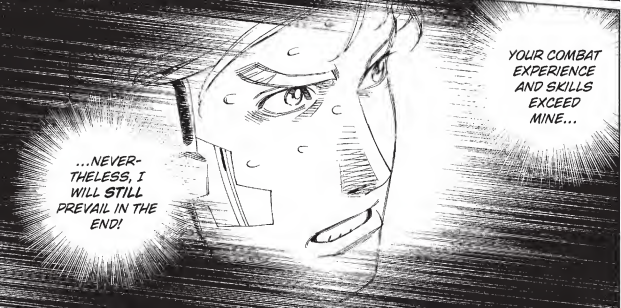
I KNOW
FULL
WELL...

...YOU
WON'T
FALL
EASILY!



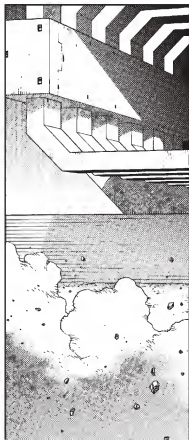
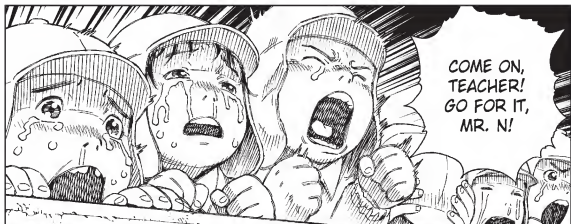
WHAT ARE
YOU
GONNA
TEACH
ME?!

HUH
?!



YOUR COMBAT
EXPERIENCE
AND SKILLS
EXCEED
MINE...

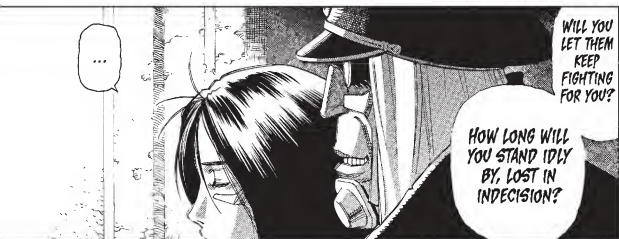
...NEVER-
THELESS, I
WILL STILL
PREVAIL IN THE
END!





THEY
ARE
STRONG.

YOUR
TEAM-
MATES.



WILL YOU
LET THEM
KEEP
FIGHTING
FOR YOU?

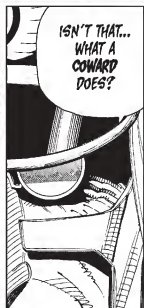
HOW LONG WILL
YOU STAND IDLY
BY, LOST IN
INDECISION?



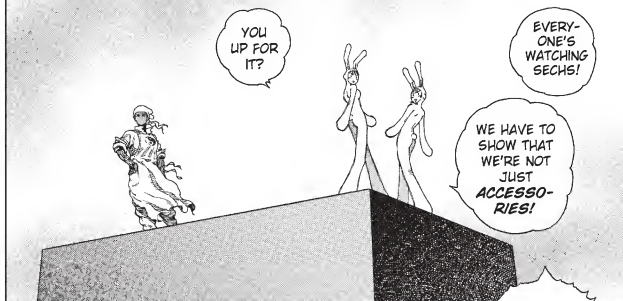
BUT,
I...!



Wm



ISN'T THAT...
WHAT A
COWARD
DOES?



YOU
UP FOR
IT?

EVERY-
ONE'S
WATCHING
SECHS!

WE HAVE TO
SHOW THAT
WE'RE NOT
JUST
ACCESSO-
RIES!



HMM...
THEY'RE
USING
EMEICI?*



Shwish

TIME TO
SHOW OFF
THE FRUITS
OF OUR
SECRET
TRAINING!



GOT
IT!

Snik



fWsh

HERE
!

**Emeici*: A concealed weapon used in Chinese martial arts. About 30 cm (a foot) in length, it consists of a double-pointed metal needle with a ring in the center so they can be twirled on the finger. A woman's weapon, they are thought to have evolved from ornamental hairpins.

AND SHE'S
BEGINN TO...
TO KNIT!

ck
ck

ck
ck
ck

MWR
RRR
RM!

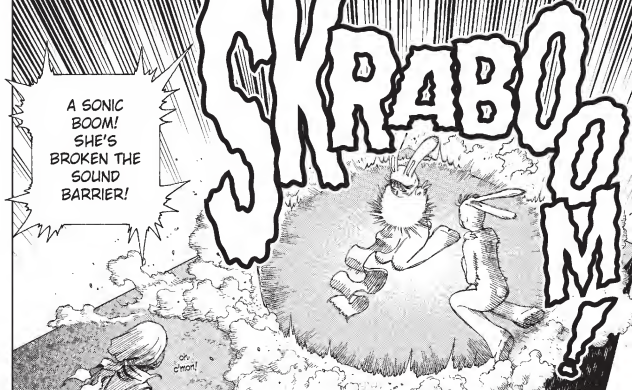
KEEP
IT UP,
ELF!

SUCH
SPEED—BUT
WHAT'S THE
POINT!?

VNRRSH

VWOOM

ZA
SH



A SONIC
BOOM!
SHE'S
BROKEN THE
SOUND
BARRIER!

oh
c'mon!

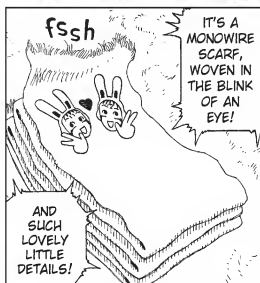


I...
I'VE...
NEVER
SEEN SUCH
A THING.

I don't
know
what to
think...

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?

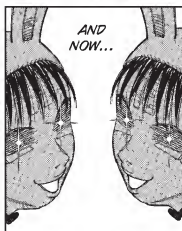
CAN
YOU
KNIT
THAT
FAST?



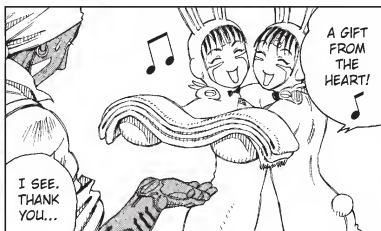
fsch

IT'S A
MONOWIRE
SCARF,
WOVEN IN
THE BLINK
OF AN
EYE!

AND
SUCH
LOVELY
LITTLE
DETAILS!



AND
NOW...



I SEE.
THANK
YOU...

A GIFT
FROM
THE
HEART!



SCARF
OF
DEATH!

...WE
GOT
YA!

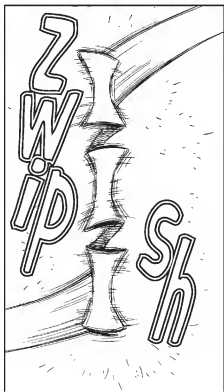


?!

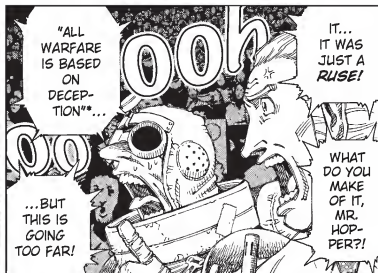
YOU
TWO ARE
CRAFTY!



SH...
SHE'S
GONE?!



Zwip Sh



"ALL
WARFARE
IS BASED
ON
DECEP-
TION"*...

...BUT
THIS IS
GOING
TOO FAR!

IT...
IT WAS
JUST A
RUSE!

WHAT
DO YOU
MAKE
OF IT,
MR.
HOP-
PER?!



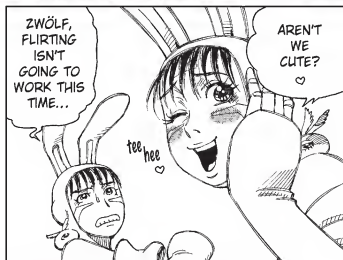
I CAN
ALMOST
RESPECT
THAT!

ALMOST
TOUCH-
ING, HOW
YOU TRIED
TO CATCH
ME OFF
GUARD.

IT
WON'T
COME
OFF?!



I ACCEPT
YOUR
THOUGHT-
FUL GIFT.



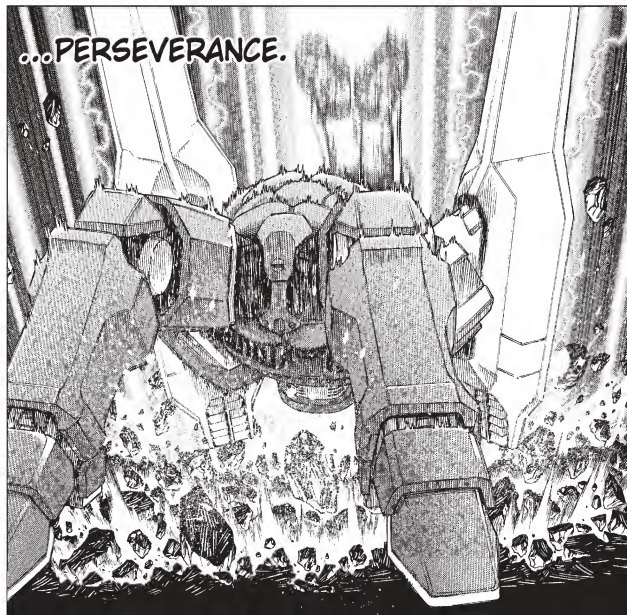
ZWÖLF,
FLIRTING
ISN'T
GOING TO
WORK THIS
TIME...

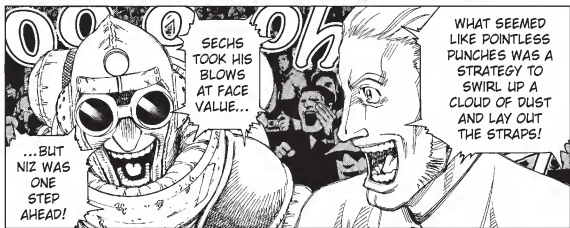
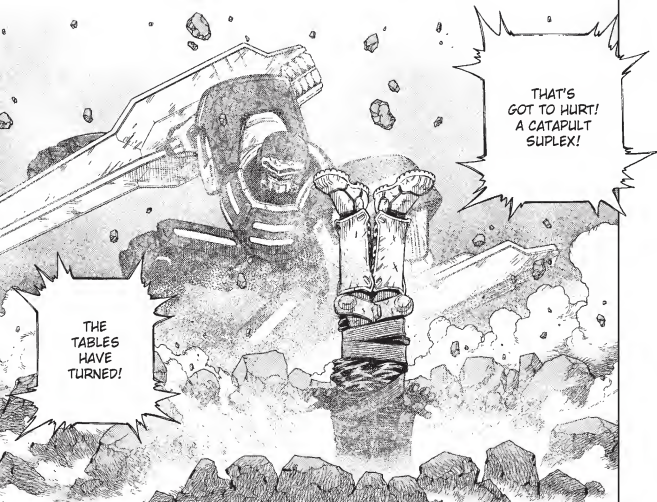
AREN'T
WE
CUTE?
♡

tee hee
♡

***All warfare is based on deception:** A key principle from *The Art of War*, written by Chinese military strategist Sun Tzu in the 6th or 5th century B.C. He meant that the secret to victory lies in surprising the enemy.







GO
AFTER
TWO
HARES,
AND
YOU'LL
CATCH
NEITHER!

GOOD
IDEA!

SECHS
IS DOWN!
NOW
WHAT?

THE
LAWS OF
ESCAPE!

...FOR I
ALWAYS
GET WHAT
I WANT!

DON'T
BE SO
SURE...

fWsh

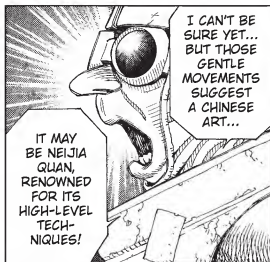
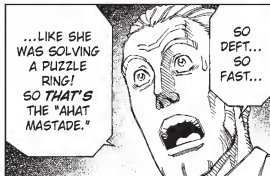
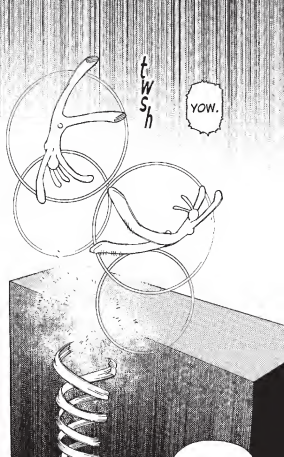
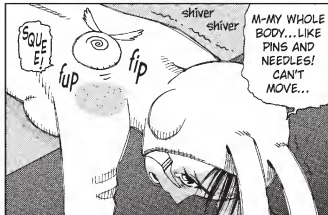
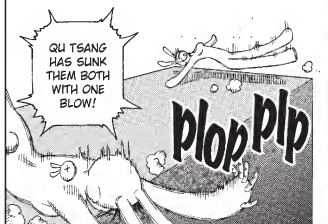
tSh



**NO EFFORT WASTED
IN AHAT MASTADE!**

KILL TWO BIRDS WITH EVERY STONE!



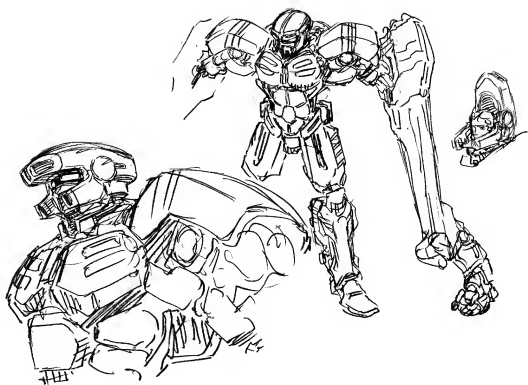


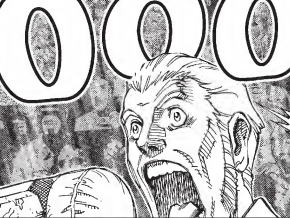
***Neijia Quan:** The best known types of neijia quan are taiji quan (tai chi), xingyi quan ("fist of form and mind") and bagua zhang ("eight diagram palm"). In contrast to Shaolin and related styles, which are based on Buddhism, neijia quan is based on Taoism. A separate Ming Dynasty form of the same name has been lost.



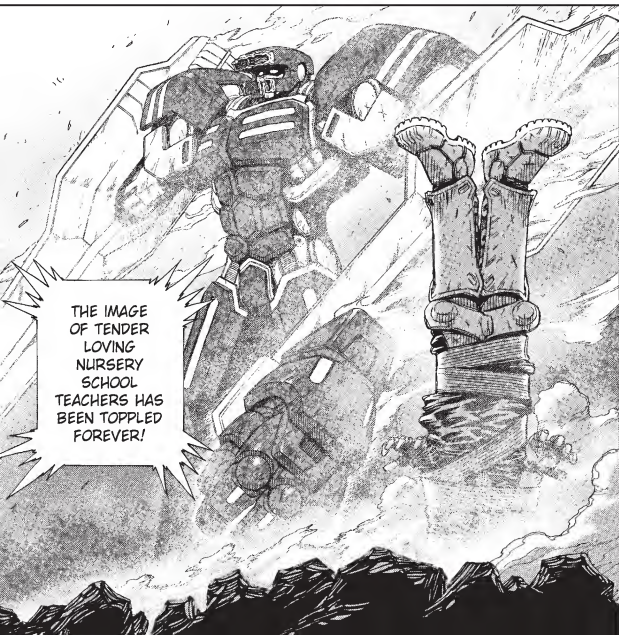
COME
ON OUT,
ALITA!

LET'S
SETTLE
THIS ONCE
AND FOR
ALL!

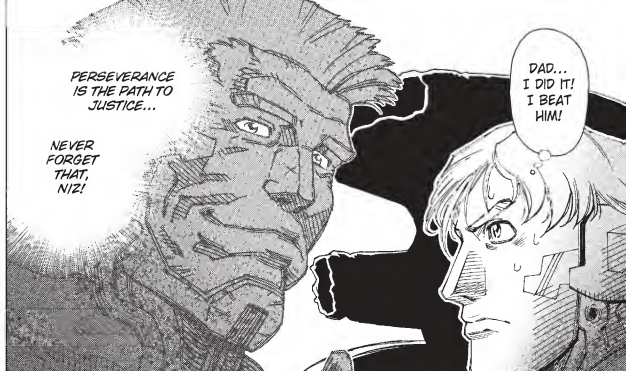




PHASE 30: **Join the Stars**



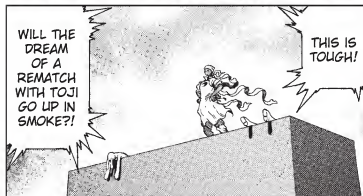
THE IMAGE
OF TENDER
LOVING
NURSERY
SCHOOL
TEACHERS HAS
BEEN TOPPLED
FOREVER!



PERSEVERANCE
IS THE PATH TO
JUSTICE...

NEVER
FORGET
THAT,
NIZ!

DAD...
I DID IT!
I BEAT
HIM!

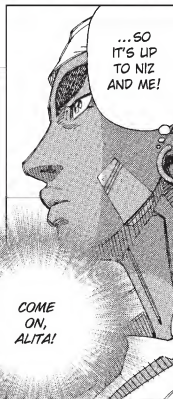


WILL THE
DREAM
OF A
REMATCH
WITH TOJI
GO UP IN
SMOKE?!

THIS IS
TOUGH!



OUT OF FIVE
SLOTS, THE
SPACE AN-
GELS ONLY
HAVE FOUR
MEMBERS
AND NO ONE
IN RESERVE!
ONLY ALITA
REMAINS!



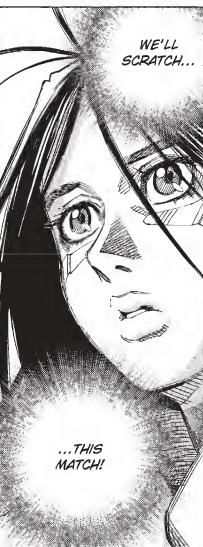
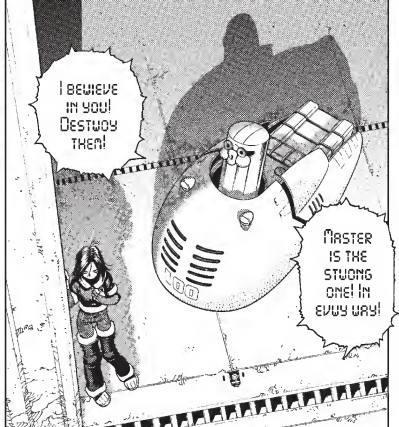
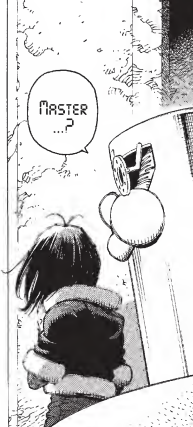
...SO
IT'S UP
TO NIZ
AND ME!

COME
ON,
ALITA!



WE
CAN'T PUT
CAERULA
OR SAYA
INTO
BATTLE...

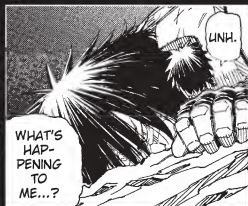
AND
WE'RE
DOWN
TO TWO!



...THIS MATCH!

WE CAN'T
USE THESE
CHILDREN AS
MERE
STEPPING
STONES.

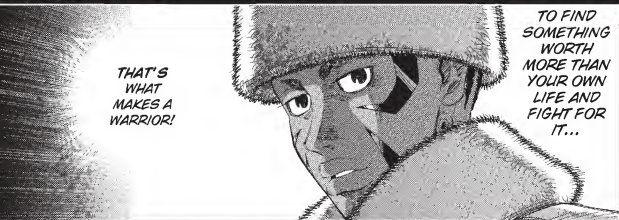
THERE WERE
LOTS OF OTHER
DIVERSIONS WE
COULD'VE USED
TO SAVE LOU...





ZAZIE!

A WARRIOR
SERVES A
MASTER.



THAT'S
WHAT
MAKES A
WARRIOR!

TO FIND
SOMETHING
WORTH
MORE THAN
YOUR OWN
LIFE AND
FIGHT FOR
IT...



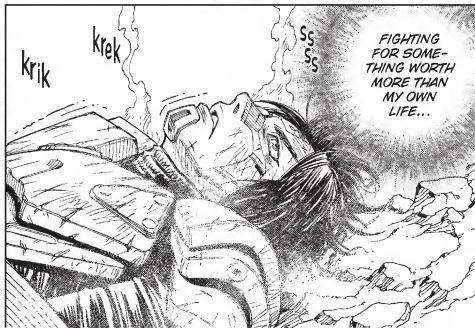
THE MORE
I THINK,
THE MORE
I DON'T
GET IT!

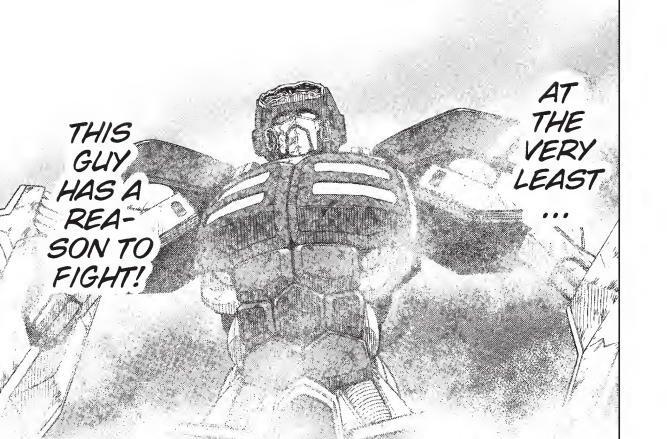
ARR
RGH!



BUT
I...

BUT I
DIDN'T
KNOW THE
WORTH OF
MY LIFE TO
BEGIN WITH!





THIS
GUY
HAS A
REA-
SON TO
FIGHT!

AT
THE
VERY
LEAST
...



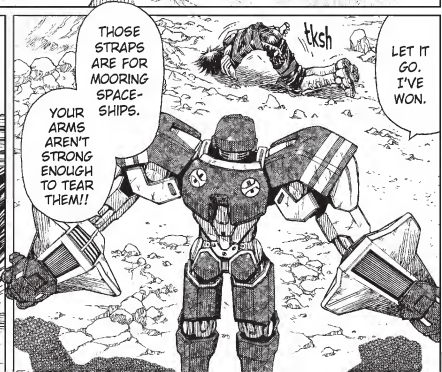
...TO
PERSE-
VERE
?!?

IS
THAT
WHAT
IT
MEANS
...



DO
NOT...

FWSH



THOSE
STRAPS
ARE FOR
MOORING
SPACE-
SHIPS.

YOUR
ARMS
AREN'T
STRONG
ENOUGH
TO TEAR
THEM!!

tksh

LET IT
GO.
I'VE
WON.

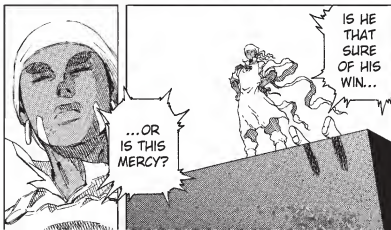


IN-
SULT
ME!



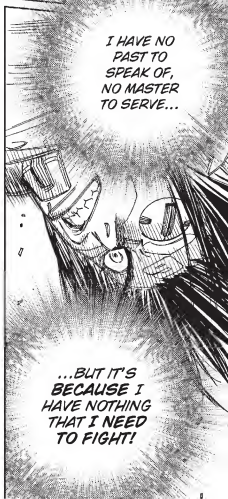
...YET
NIZ
WON'T
HIT
BACK!

SECHS
ISN'T
GOING
TO
STOP...



...OR
IS THIS
MERCY?

IS HE
THAT
SURE
OF HIS
WIN...



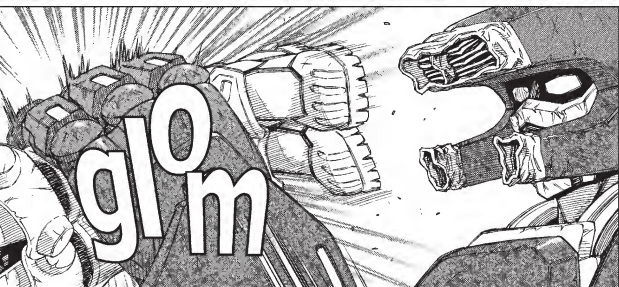
I HAVE NO
PAST TO
SPEAK OF,
NO MASTER
TO SERVE...

...BUT IT'S
BECAUSE I
HAVE NOTHING
THAT I NEED
TO FIGHT!



YOU
CAN'T
AFFORD
TO PULL
A STUNT
LIKE
THIS,
DAMN IT!

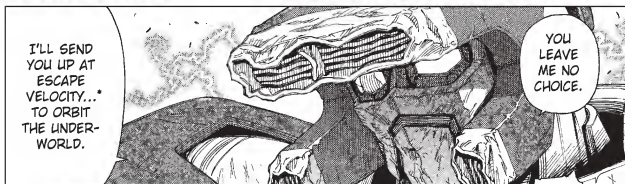
NIZ!
DON'T
YOU GO
SOFT
ON ME
NOW!



...THEY
STAND IN THE
WAY OF THE
CHILDREN'S
FUTURES!

SHE'S RIGHT.
IF FOES STILL
STAND IN THE
ARENA...





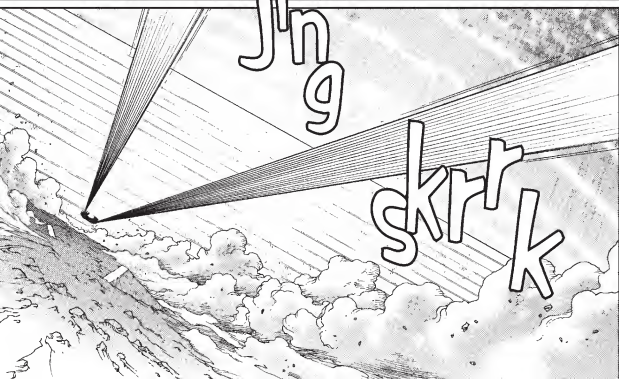
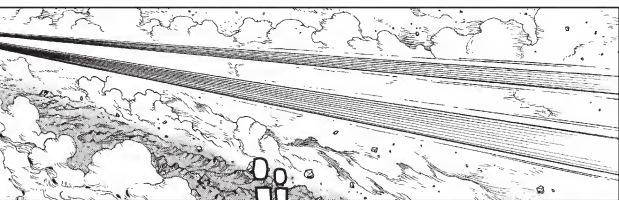
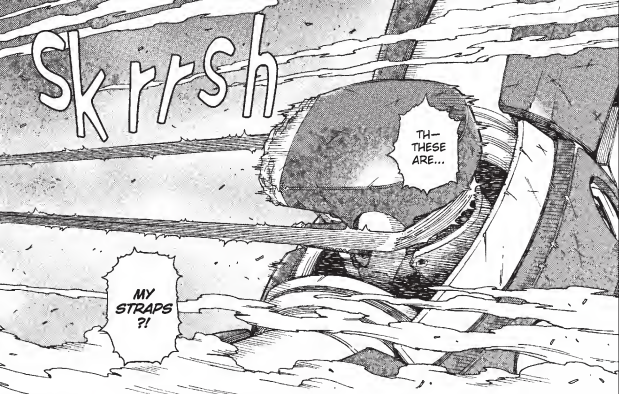
*Escape velocity: The speed necessary to launch an object out of the gravity of a planet or other body and into orbit. The speed varies depending on the strength of the gravity. Earth's escape velocity is 7.9 kilometers (4.9 miles) per second (Mach 23).

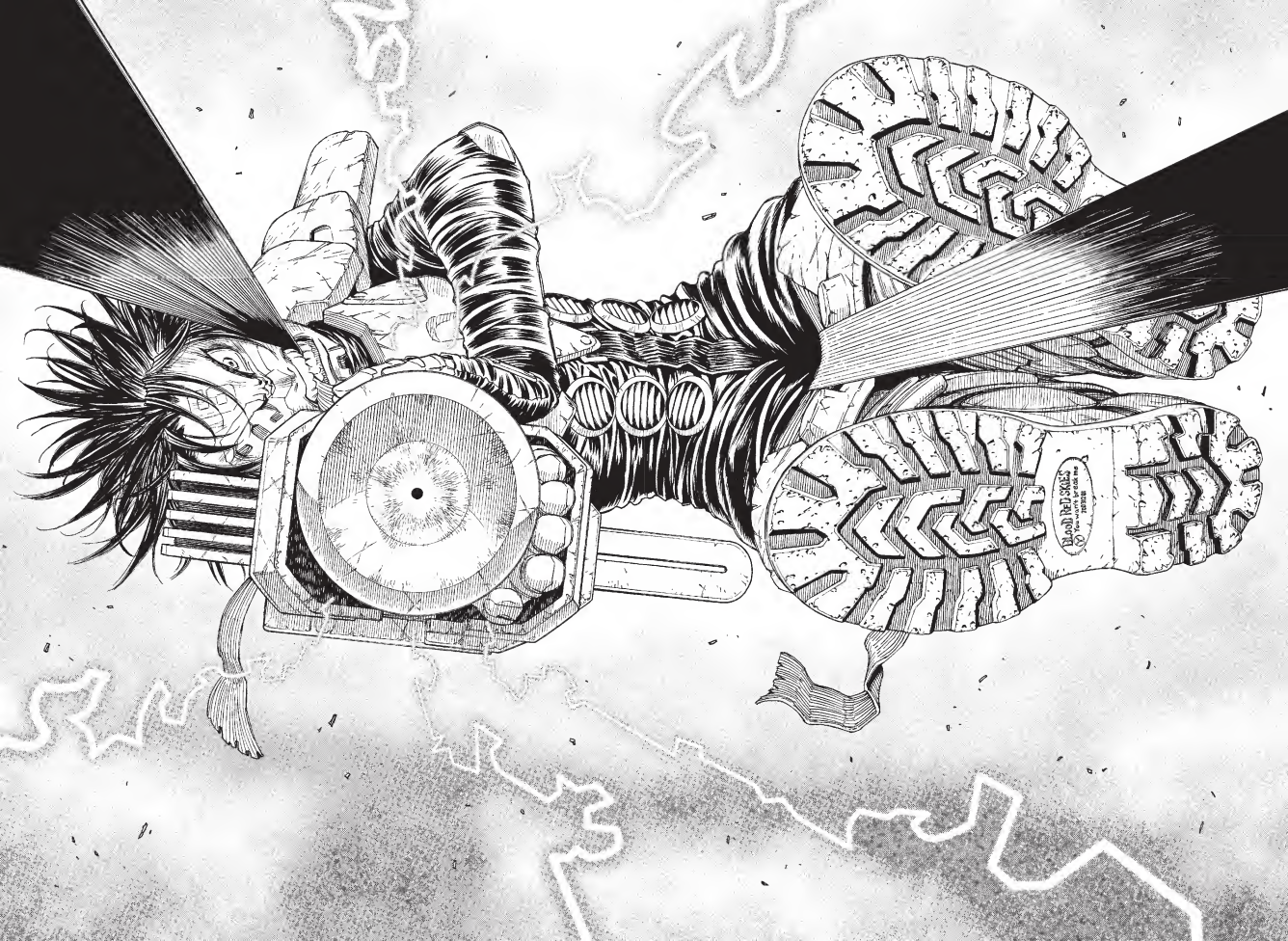


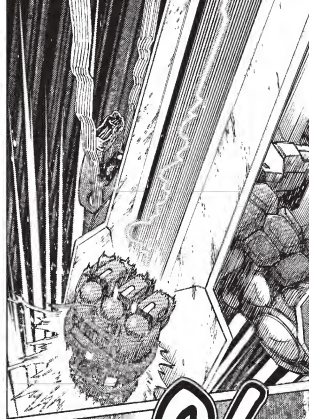
MASS DRIVER!

**GO JOIN THE
STARS...**







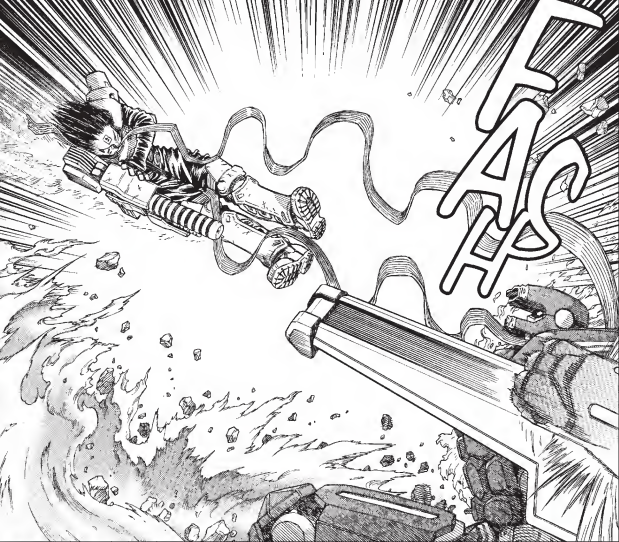




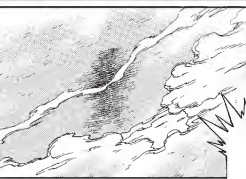
**GO TO
HELL!**

DAD!

**K
A
A
A
H**

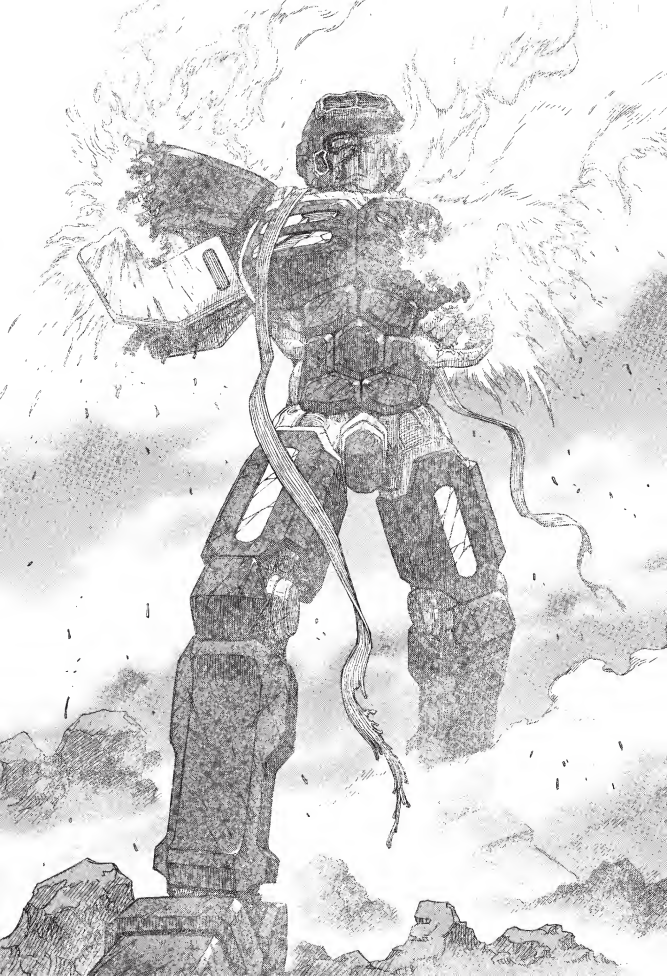


BUT
WILL
ONE OF
THEM...



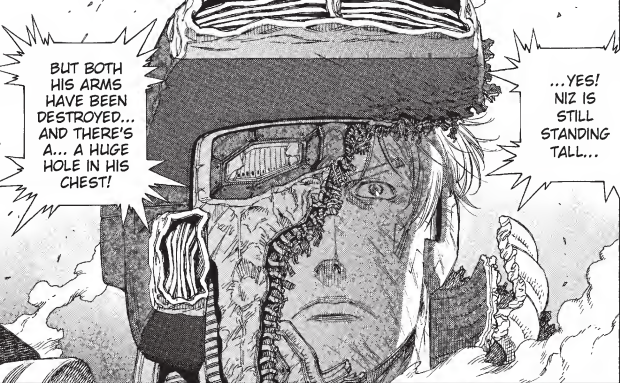
THEY
HIT
DEAD-
ON!





BUT BOTH
HIS ARMS
HAVE BEEN
DESTROYED...
AND THERE'S
A... A HUGE
HOLE IN HIS
CHEST!

...YES!
NIZ IS
STILL
STANDING
TALL...



NIZ!

Waaah
waah



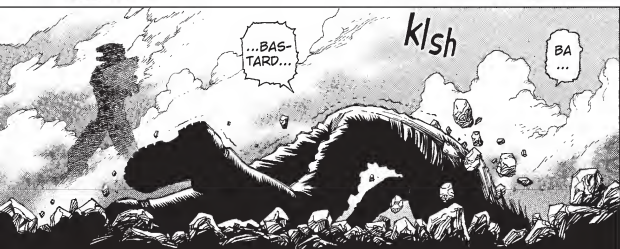
N-NOT
MR. N!



...BAS-
TARD...

klsh

BA
...





WHY
WON'T
HE GO
DOWN?



NIZ...
OUT
COLD!



I SHOT
THROUGH
HIS
HEART.

tnk

SO WHY DO
I FEEL SO
UNEASY?

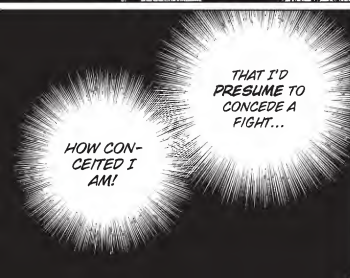
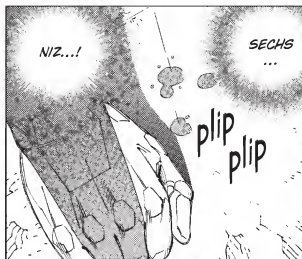


I WIN...
ANOTHER
MYSTERY
SOLVED!

...HE'D
NEVER
GIVE IN
TO ME...
WOULD
HE?



EVEN IF I
BLOW HIS
BRAINS
INTO SLUG-
SLIME...





I DIDN'T
KNOW ANY-
THING...

I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHO I AM...
ALITA...?
YOKO...?



AND I
FOUGHT...
UNTIL
FINALLY...

SO I
FOUGHT...



I FORGOT
WHO I WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE...



THAT'S
THE
TRUTH...
THE
SUBSTANCE
OF MY
BATTLE.

...FINALLY
I COULD
SURVIVE
ON MY
OWN!



...AND
THAT'S WHY A
DIVERSION ISN'T
GOOD ENOUGH!

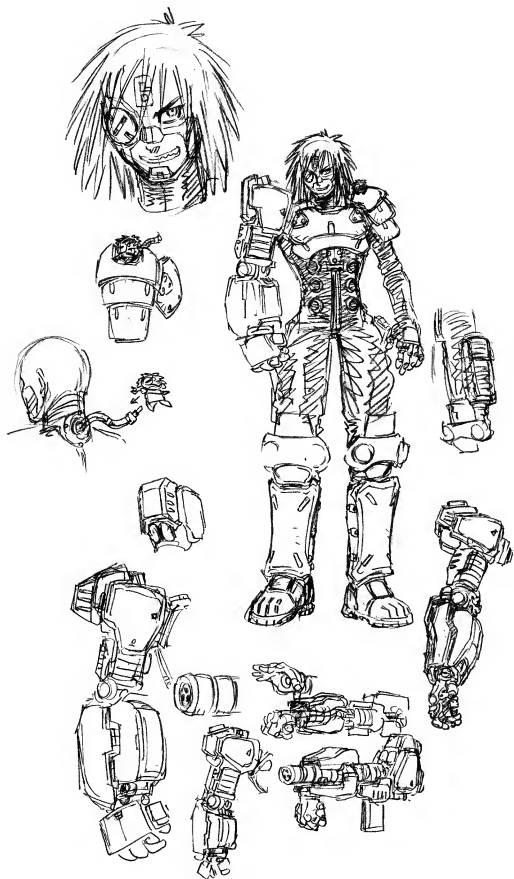


THAT'S
WHAT I
AM...

...CAN I
HOPE TO
TRANSCEND
MYSELF FOR
THE FIRST
TIME!

NOT BY FIGHTING
FOR LOU, OR
FIGHTING FOR
THE CHILDREN...
ONLY BY
FIGHTING FOR
MY OWN SAKE...

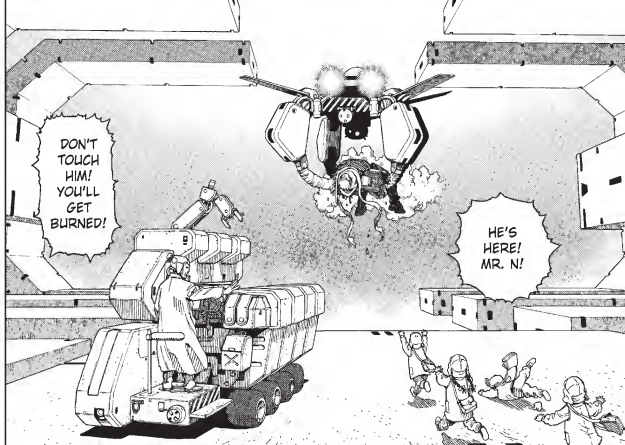




PHASE 31

'Round and 'Round





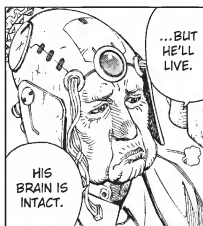
DON'T
TOUCH
HIM!
YOU'LL
GET
BURNED!

HE'S
HERE!
MR. N!



SEE?
EVERY-
THING'S
OKAY,
RIO!

?



...BUT
HE'LL
LIVE.

HIS
BRAIN IS
INTACT.



HE'S
BEEN
BEATEN
BADLY
AGAIN...

DR.
MZORE,
WILL NIZ
BE ALL
RIGHT?!



RIO...



OH!



JUST
STOP
FIGHT-
ING!!

I DON'T
WANNA
DO THIS
ANY-
MORE!



WHERE
HAVE
YOU
BEEN?

ahhh

DIRECTOR!



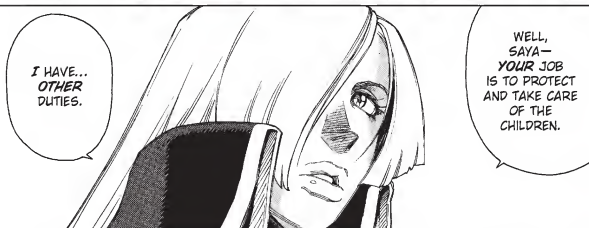
YES.

SHIVER...

YOUR
NAME
WAS...
SAYA?



SO
NIZ IS
BACK.



I HAVE...
OTHER
DUTIES.

WELL,
SAYA—
YOUR JOB
IS TO PROTECT
AND TAKE CARE
OF THE
CHILDREN.

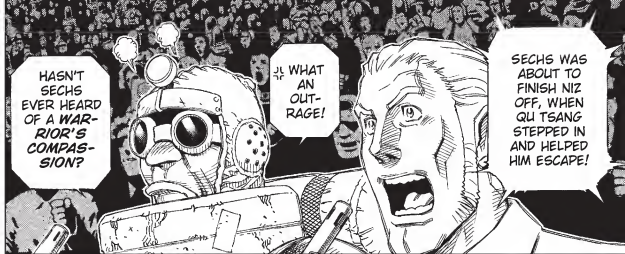
CAN SHE
REALLY BE
THE WOMAN
WHO FOUNDED
THE STELLAR
NURSERY
SOCIETY?



SHE'S SUCH
A MYSTERY...
SHE'S NOT
EVEN KIND
TO THE
CHILDREN...



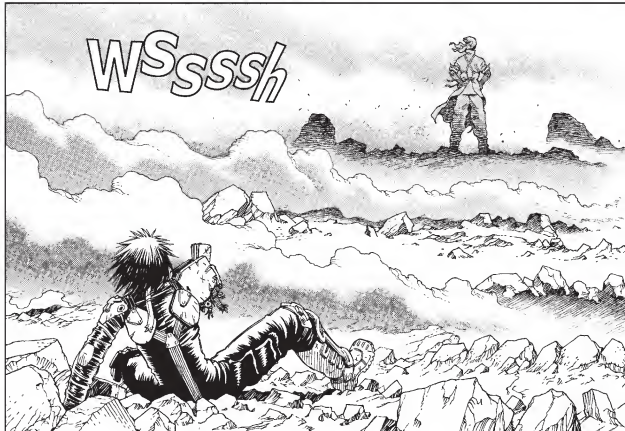
YOU
SEE?



HASN'T
SECHS
EVER HEARD
OF A WAR-
RIOR'S COMPAS-
SION?

WHAT
AN OUT-
RAGE!

SECHS WAS
ABOUT TO
FINISH NIZ
OFF, WHEN
QU TSANG
STEPPED IN
AND HELPED
HIM ESCAPE!

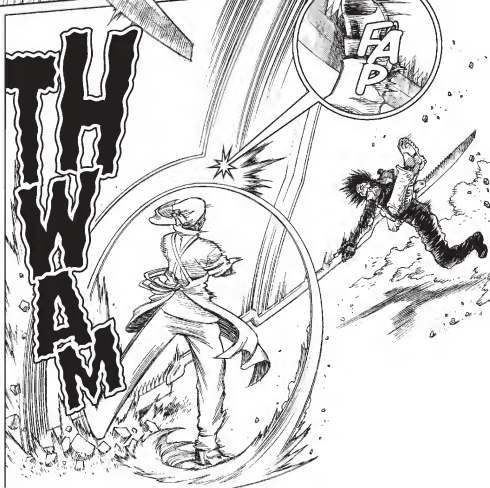


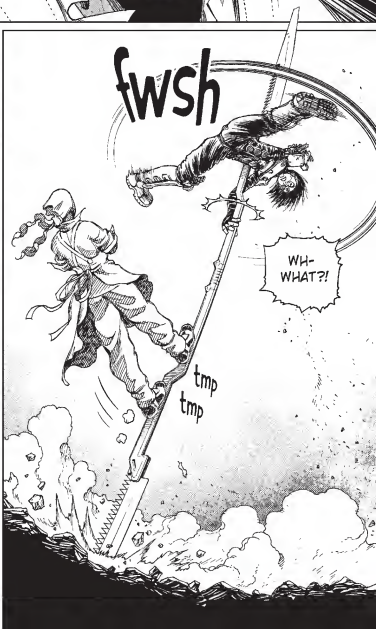
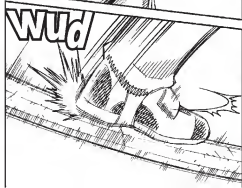
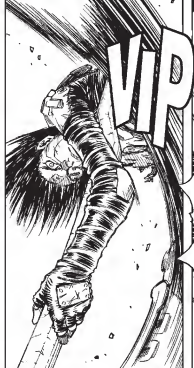
WSsssh



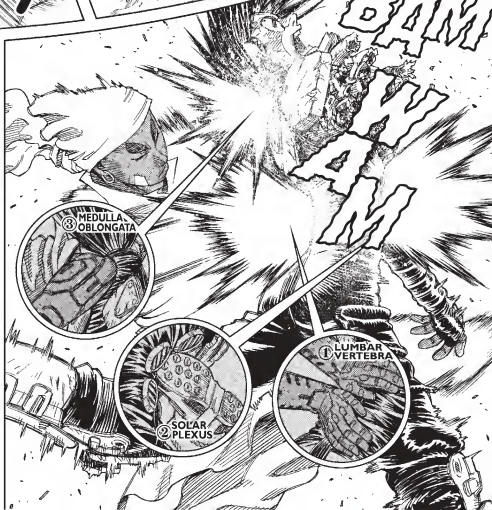
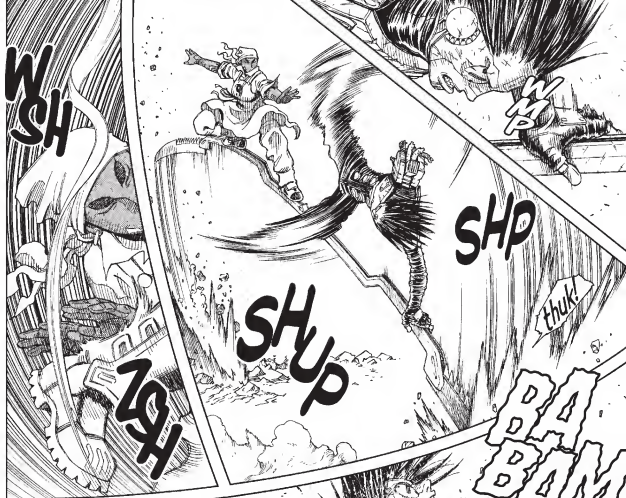
...DO YOU
HAVE A
CHILD?

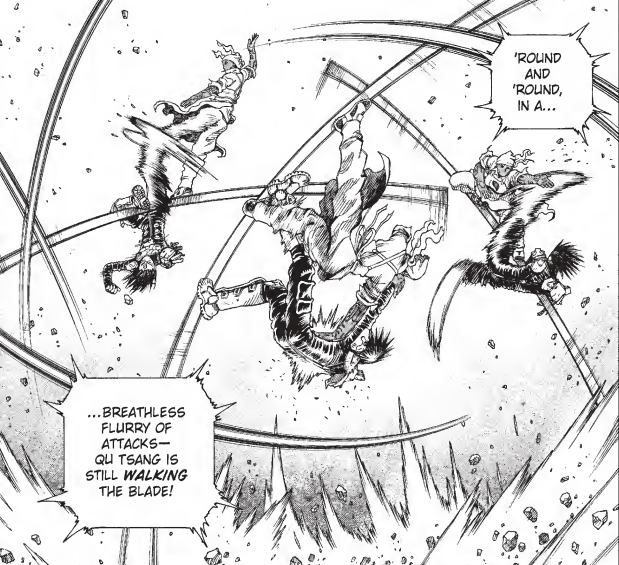
BY
THE
WAY...











'ROUND
AND
'ROUND,
IN A...

...BREATHLESS
FLURRY OF
ATTACKS—
QU TSANG IS
STILL WALKING
THE BLADE!



NOT EVEN
NIAN JING*
EXPLAINS
THAT!

ANTI-
GRAV
BOOTS?

AS
IF!

HOW
DOES
SHE
STAY
ON?

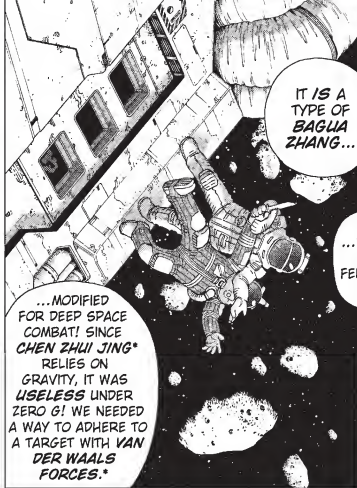


THAT
SPIRAL
MOTION!
IT MUST
BE...

...BA-
GUA
ZHANG*
!

***Bagua zhang**: A martial art created by Dong Hai Chuan (c. 1813-1882) in the late Qing Dynasty.

***Nian jing**: A way to counter an enemy's attacks by maintaining bodily contact in battle. By moving with the flow of the opponent's movements, power can be deflected and controlled.



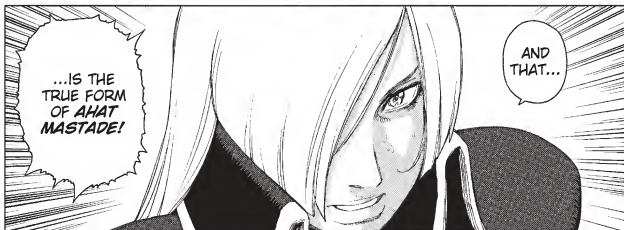
IT IS A
TYPE OF
**BAGUA
ZHANG...**

...THAT
TV
FELLOW
!



HE HAS
DONE HIS
HOME-
WORK...

...MODIFIED
FOR DEEP SPACE
COMBAT! SINCE
CHEN ZHUI JING*
RELIES ON
GRAVITY, IT WAS
USELESS UNDER
ZERO G! WE NEEDED
A WAY TO ADHERE TO
A TARGET WITH **VAN
DER WAALS
FORCES.***

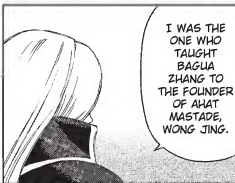


...IS THE
TRUE FORM
OF **AHAT
MASTADE!**

AND
THAT...



HOW OLD
IS SHE
AGAIN...?!



I WAS THE
ONE WHO
TAUGHT
**BAGUA
ZHANG** TO
THE FOUNDER
OF **AHAT
MASTADE**,
WONG JING.

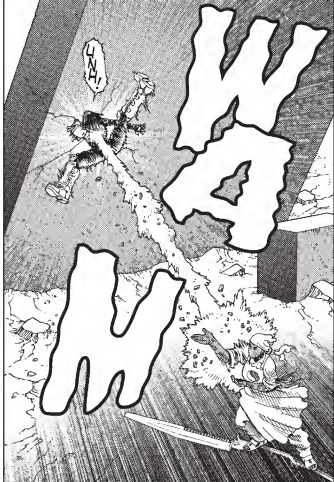


OF
COURSE.

WOW! YOU
KNOW SO
MUCH!

***Chen zhui jing**: A technique to increase the force of a blow by dropping one's center of gravity. Though the term is Chinese, all combat sports developed on Earth include this principle.

***Van der Waals force**: The force between atoms. It's thought that geckos use this force to climb walls.



THIS OLD HAG...
MIGHT BE EVEN
BETTER THAN
ALITA IN CLOSE
COMBAT!



N-NONE
OF MY
ATTACKS
SEEM TO
CONNECT!

I'VE GOT
ANOTHER
MINUTE
AT MOST,
SO...

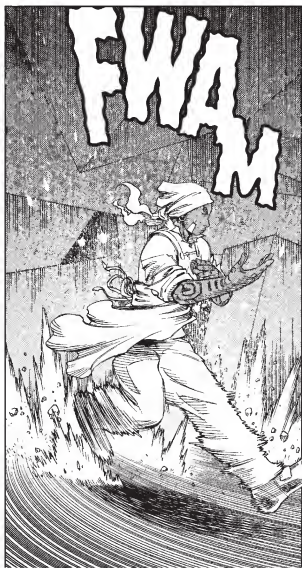
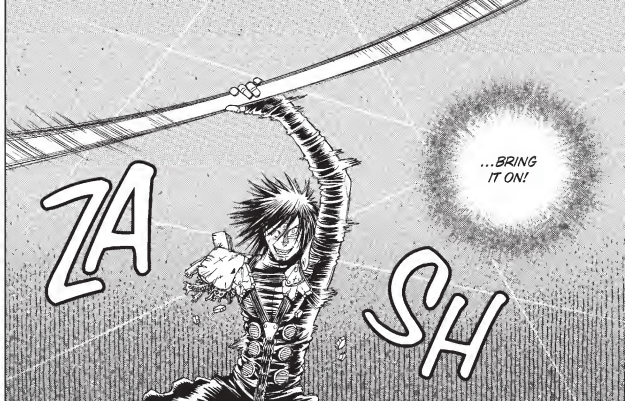
SPENT
TOO MUCH
POWER
ON THE
QUENCH
GUN!



IT'S
LIKE I'M
HITTING
RUBBER!

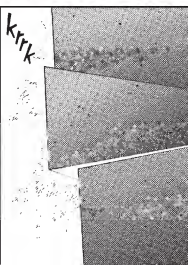
WHAT'S
THIS
KID'S
BODY
MADE
OF?!



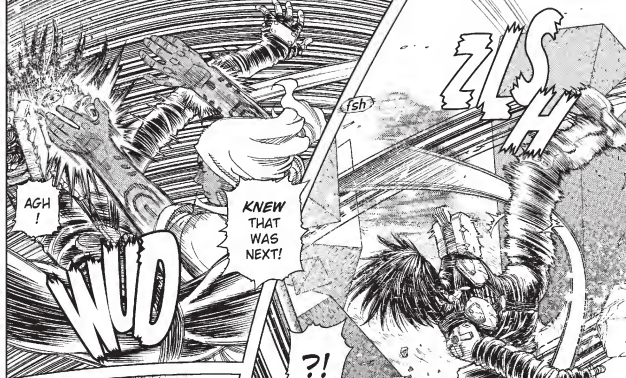


OVER AND
OVER, I'VE
SEEN ALITA
OVERCOME
HER LIMITS
AND END UP
STRONGER...

I'VE GOTTA
BE ABLE
TO DO
THAT, TOO!







AGH!

KNEW
THAT
WAS
NEXT!

sh

ZLS
H

?!

...IN
THE
SPIN
RADIUS
OF MY
BLADE
?!

HOW
DID
SHE
GET...

TAKE
THIS!

TW
TW
TW

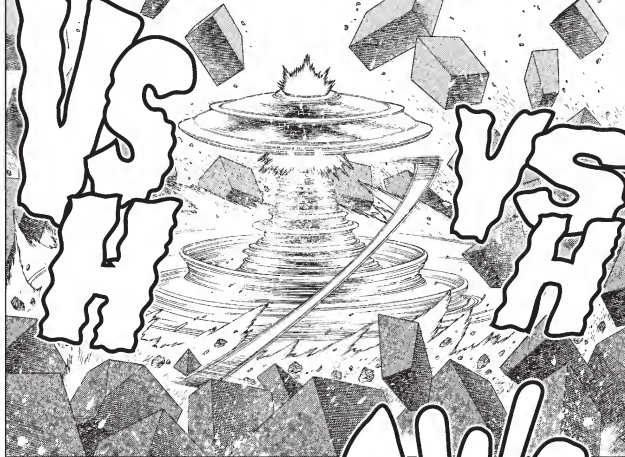
AHAT
MAST-
ADE
ULTI-
MATE
TECH-
NIQUE...

TW
SH

**SPINNING DRAGON
KING FLIP!**

JUE ZHAO!

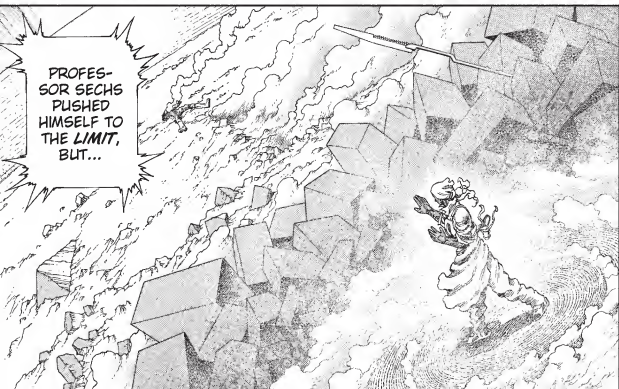






SH-SHIT...

WHAT WAS THAT?



PROFESSOR SECHS PUSHED HIMSELF TO THE LIMIT, BUT...

SHE GAVE HER OWN TWIST TO BAGUA ZHANG'S BLUE DRAGON FLIP!

SUCH CHAN SI JING!*

...HE'S FALLEN BEFORE THE MIGHT OF CAPTAIN QU TSANG!



...



SHE
DID IT!
MOM
IS SO
STRONG!

clap
clap

yaay



WHEN WE
WIN, THEY'LL
MAKE US A
COMMON-
WEALTH!
THERE THE
CHILDREN CAN
LIVE IN PEACE!



TO
WIN!

SAYA...
WHY DID
WE ENTER
THE
ZOTT?

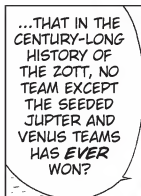


OF
COURSE
I DO!

SURE!



DO YOU
REALLY
THINK WE
CAN WIN
THIS
THING?

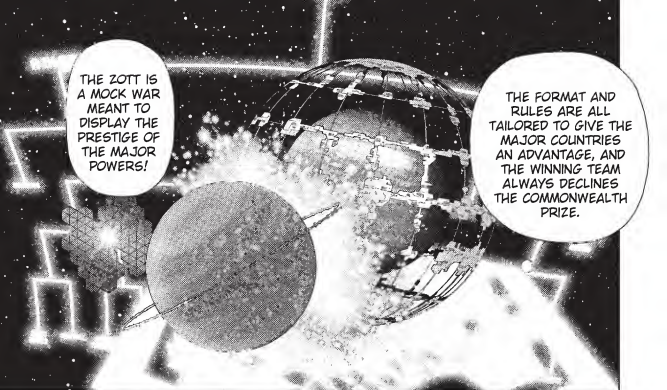


...THAT IN THE
CENTURY-LONG
HISTORY OF
THE ZOTT, NO
TEAM EXCEPT
THE SEEDED
JUPTER AND
VENUS TEAMS
HAS EVER
WON?



HEH...
SUCH
HOPE!

DID
YOU
KNOW
...



THE ZOTT IS
A MOCK WAR
MEANT TO
DISPLAY THE
PRESTIGE OF
THE MAJOR
POWERS!

THE FORMAT AND
RULES ARE ALL
TAILORED TO GIVE THE
MAJOR COUNTRIES
AN ADVANTAGE, AND
THE WINNING TEAM
ALWAYS DECLINES
THE COMMONWEALTH
PRIZE.

...ALL OF
OUR EFFORT
IS JUST
BEING USED
TO PUT ON A
SHOW!

WEAK-
LINGS
LIKE US,
WITH NO
POWER
TO WAGE
WAR...

BUT IF YOU *KNEW*
THIS... WHY DID
YOU ENTER US IN
THE ZOTT?

BUT...

OH,
NO!

?!
FALLEN

WOULD
DIE.

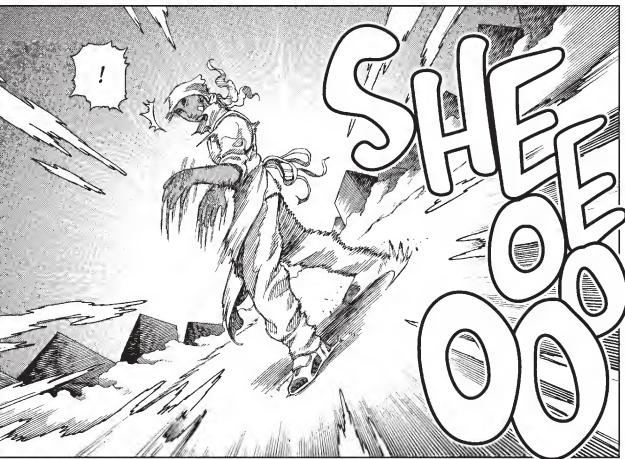
SO
THAT
ALL OF
YOU...





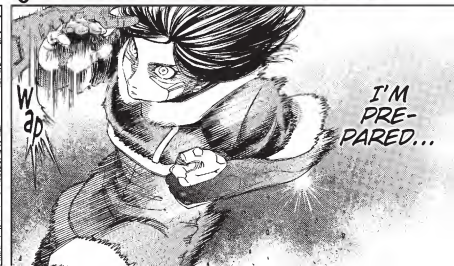
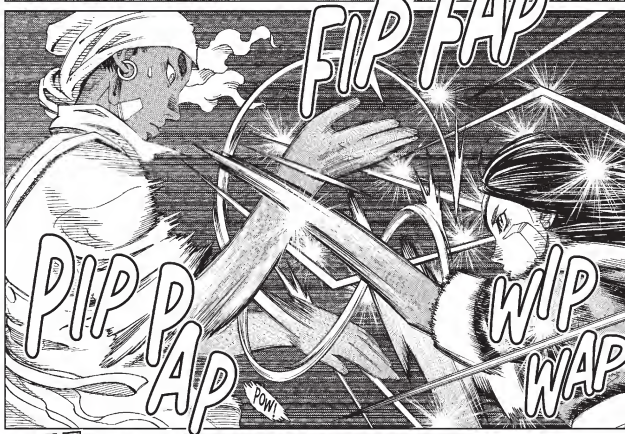
SO YOU
FINALLY
FELT
LIKE J—

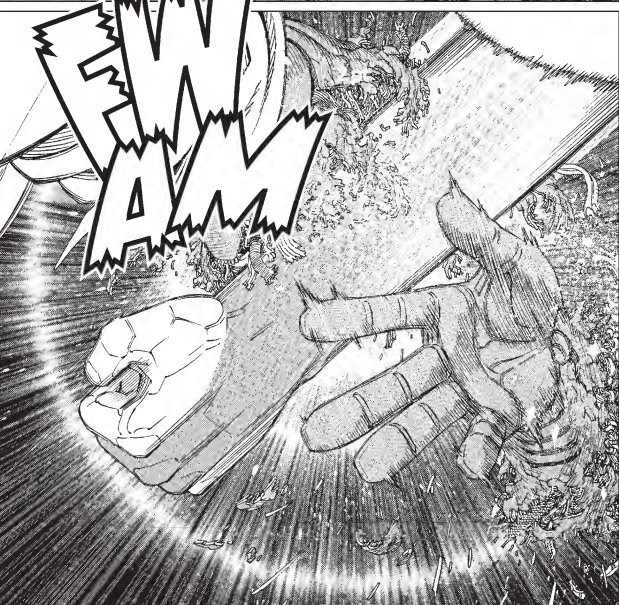
HMPH.

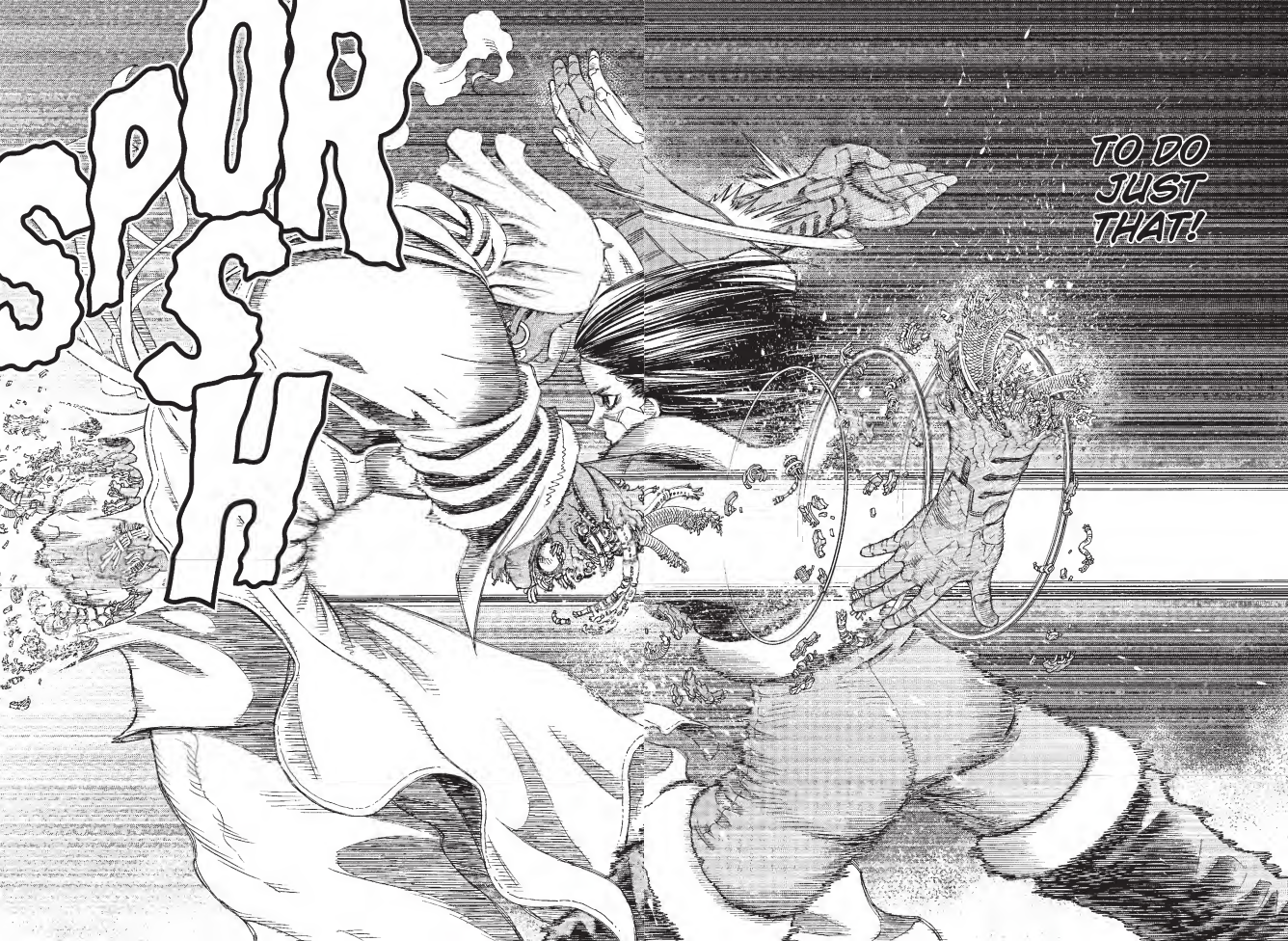


...MEANS
TO TURN
THE ENTIRE
WORLD INTO
YOUR ENEMY!

TO FIGHT
FOR YOUR
OWN
SAKE...





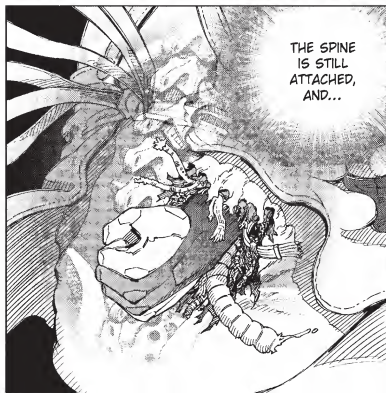


TO DO
JUST
THAT!



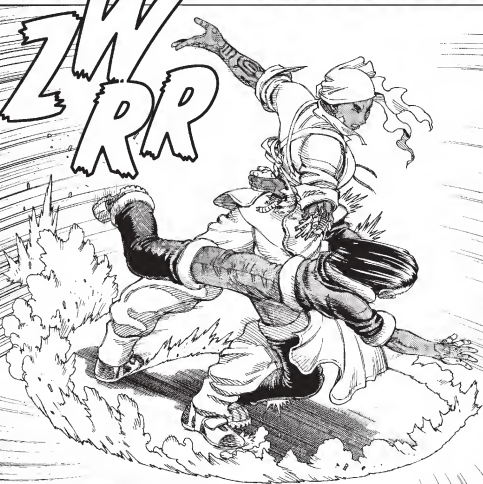
PHASE 32: Not Yet





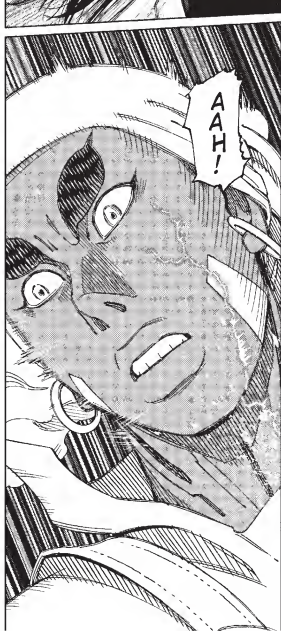


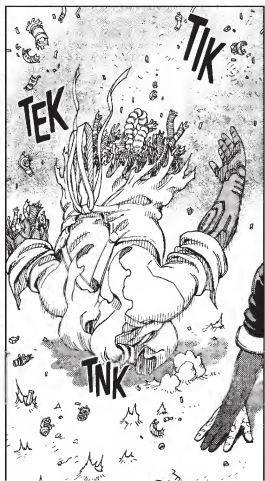
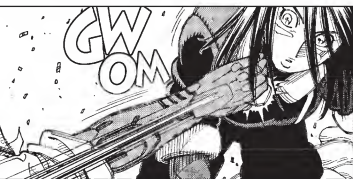
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RR

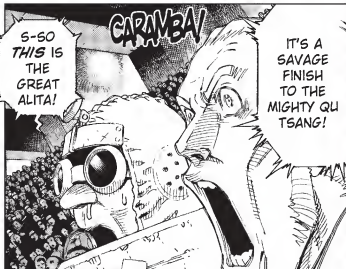


HEI LONG QUAN JUI!

GŪANĒR!

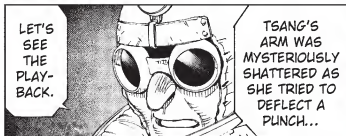






S-SO
THIS IS
THE
GREAT
ALITA!

IT'S A
SAVAGE
FINISH
TO THE
MIGHTY QU
TSANG!



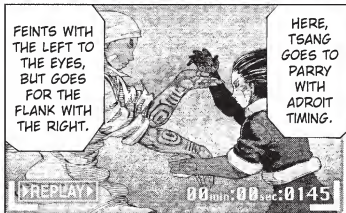
LET'S
SEE
THE
PLAY-
BACK.

TSANG'S
ARM WAS
MYSTERIOUSLY
SHATTERED AS
SHE TRIED TO
DEFLECT A
PUNCH...



HMM!
NOT EVEN
SUPER-
SONIC!

LOOKS
LIKE
YOUR
EVERY-
DAY
PUNCH...



FEINTS WITH
THE LEFT TO
THE EYES,
BUT GOES
FOR THE
FLANK WITH
THE RIGHT.

HERE,
TSANG
GOES TO
PARRY
WITH
ADROIT
TIMING.

ALITA
WINS WITH A
WHOPPING
DISPLAY OF
FORCE!



MR. HOPPER,
COULD YOU
TELL US MORE
ABOUT THE
"PANZER
KUNST"?

WAS THIS A
SECRET
**PANZER
KUNST**
METHOD?

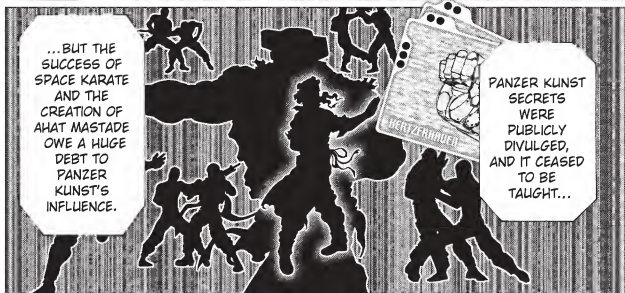
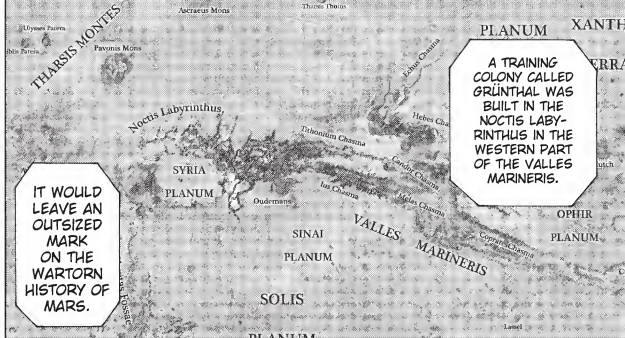
THAT'S WHERE
WE SEE
TSANG'S ARM
BLOW UP AS
IF A BOMB
HAD BEEN
PLANTED!

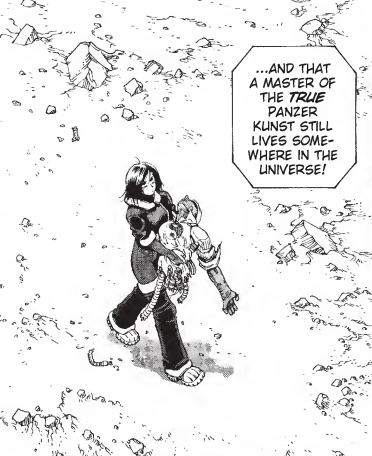
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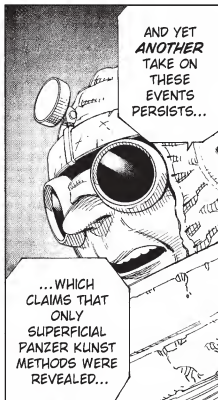
PANZER KUNST
IS A MARTIAL ART
SAID TO HAVE BEEN
FOUNDED BY TIGER
SAUER DURING THE
EARLY MARTIAN
COLONIAL PERIOD,
MORE THAN THREE
CENTURIES AGO.

THE FIRST STYLE
TO ANTICIPATE
CYBORG COMBAT,
THE LEGENDARY
STYLE INCLUDED
TECHNIQUES TO BE
USED IN ZERO-G AND
AGAINST ARMED
OPPONENTS.



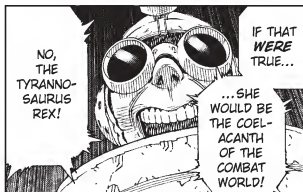


...AND THAT
A MASTER OF
THE **TRUE**
PANZER
KUNST STILL
LIVES SOME-
WHERE IN THE
UNIVERSE!



AND YET
ANOTHER
TAKE ON
THESE
EVENTS
PERSISTS...

...WHICH
CLAIMS THAT
ONLY
SUPERFICIAL
PANZER KUNST
METHODS WERE
REVEALED...



NO,
THE
TYRANNO-
SAURUS
REX!

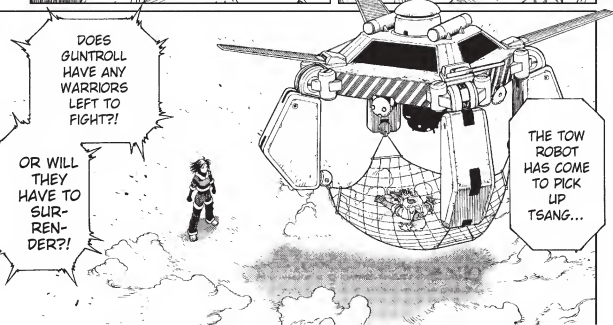
IF THAT
WERE
TRUE...

...SHE
WOULD BE
THE COEL-
ACANTH
OF THE
COMBAT
WORLD!



ARE YOU
SAYING
THAT
ALITA
MAY BE
THE
ONE?

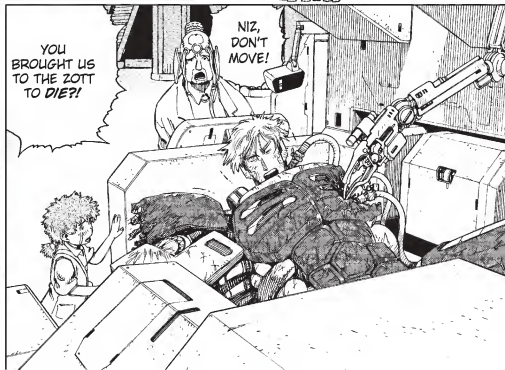
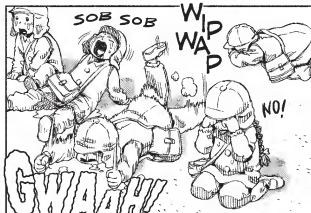
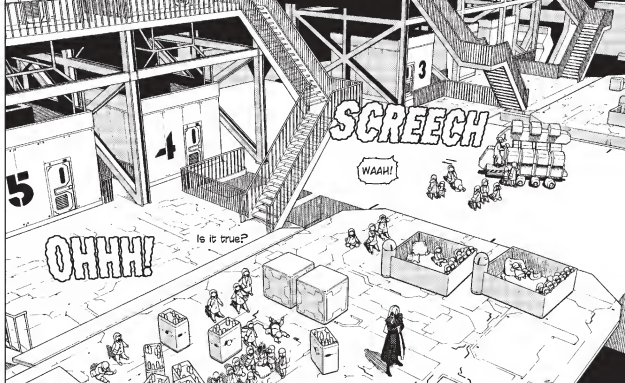
AH,
WHAT A
MYTH!



DOES
GUNTROLL
HAVE ANY
WARRIORS
LEFT TO
FIGHT?!

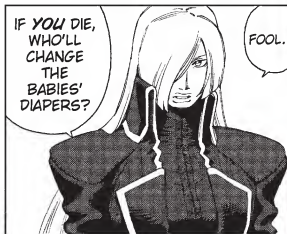
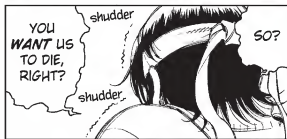
OR WILL
THEY
HAVE TO
SUR-
REN-
DER?!

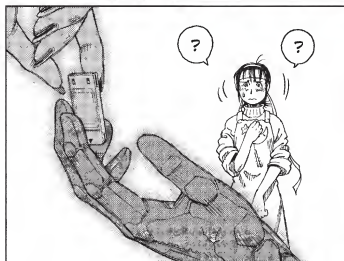
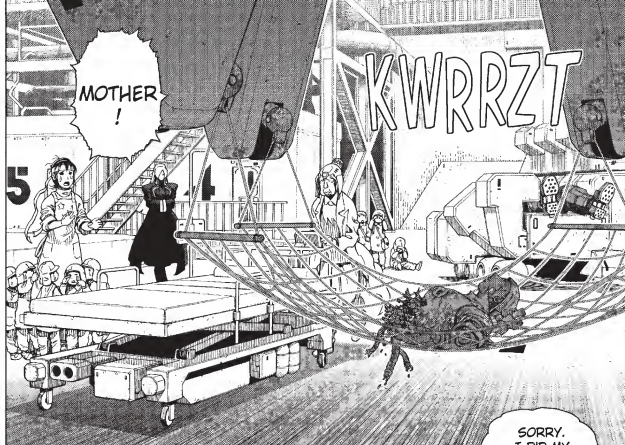
THE TOW
ROBOT
HAS COME
TO PICK
UP
TSANG...

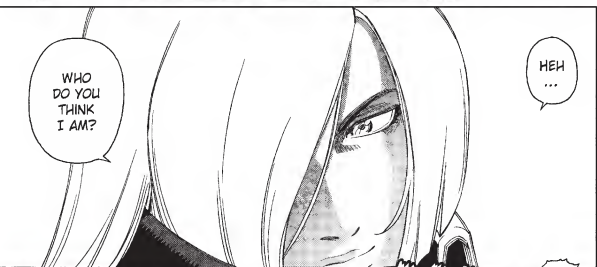
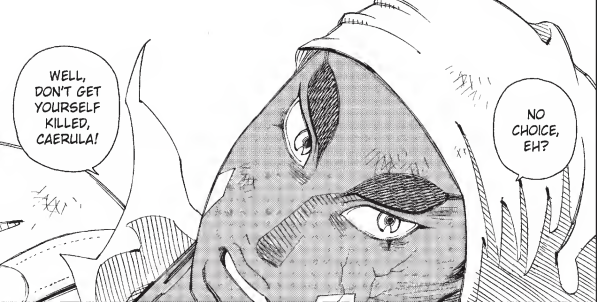


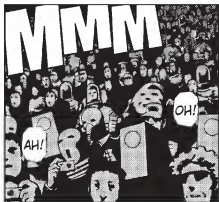
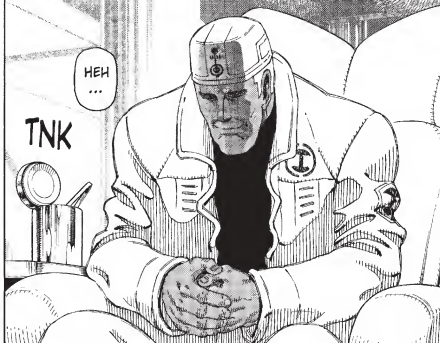
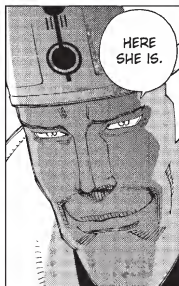
I DIDN'T
EXPECT YOU TO
LOSE IN THE
VERY FIRST
ROUND,
THOUGH...

YOU
HEARD
ME.





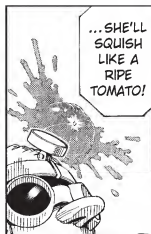




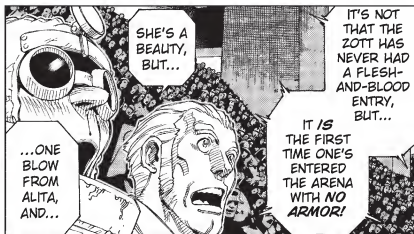


STELLAR
NURSERY
SOCIETY
DIRECTOR
CAERULA
SANGUIS!

WE HAVE
NO DATA
ON HER,
B-BUT...
SHE *SEEMS*
TO BE
FLESH AND
BLOOD!



...SHE'LL
SQUISH
LIKE A
RIPE
TOMATO!

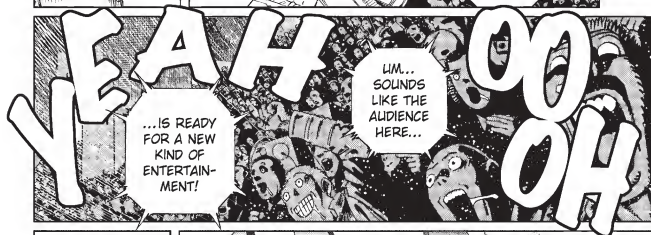


SHE'S A
BEAUTY,
BUT...

IT'S NOT
THAT THE
ZOTT HAS
NEVER HAD
A FLESH-
AND-BLOOD
ENTRY,
BUT...

IT *IS*
THE FIRST
TIME ONE'S
ENTERED
THE ARENA
WITH *NO*
ARMOR!

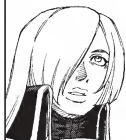
...ONE
BLOW
FROM
ALITA,
AND...



...IS READY
FOR A NEW
KIND OF
ENTERTAIN-
MENT!

UM...
SOUNDS
LIKE THE
AUDIENCE
HERE...

THE HERTZA
NADEL UBER
GEHEIM-
NISSE KNOWN
AS HERTZA
FAHREN.



A PANZER
KUNST TECHNIQUE
OF THE SCHNEIDER
SCHOOL THAT WAS
NEVER LEAKED
TO THE OUTSIDE
WORLD.



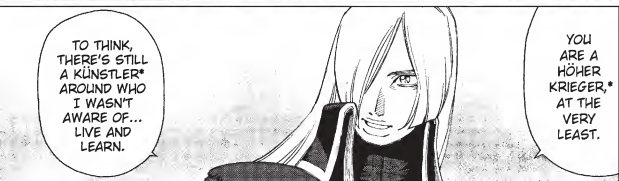
A
SPLENDID
MOVE, THE
WAY YOU
BESTED
TSANG.

YOU FIRED A
VERSCHLAG ON
FIRST CONTACT,
THEN DESTROYED
THE ARM AND
ATTACKED THE
BODY IN A SINGLE
MOTION.



I—I
DIDN'T
KNOW...

...IT HAD A
NAME! I JUST
DID IT ON THE
SPUR OF THE
MOMENT...



TO THINK,
THERE'S STILL
A KÜNSTLER*
AROUND WHO
I WASN'T
AWARE OF...
LIVE AND
LEARN.

YOU
ARE A
HÖHER
KRIEGER,*
AT THE
VERY
LEAST.



IS SHE A
FOOL WITH
A DEATH
WISH,
OR...?

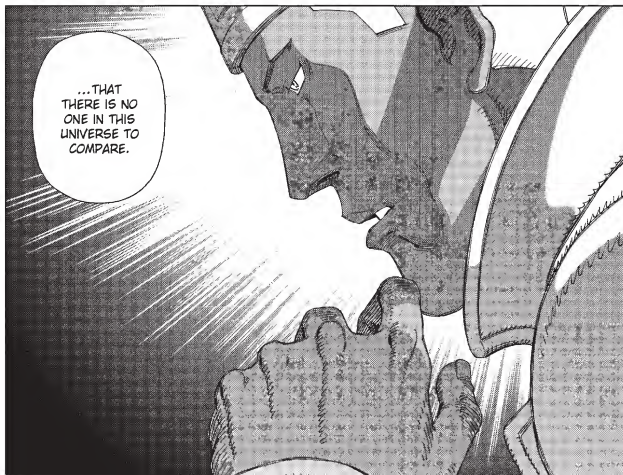
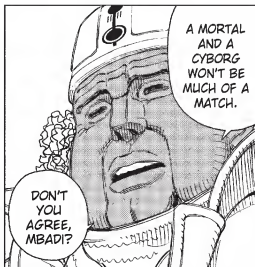
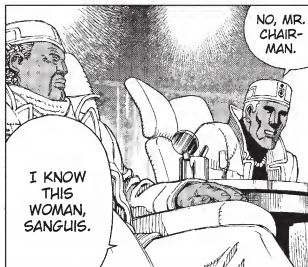
HEART
RATE AND
BREATH-
ING BOTH
STEADY...



...AND
STILL
WISH TO
FIGHT
ME?

YOU
KNOW
ALL
THIS...

*The nine Panzer Kunst ranks are: anfänger (beginner), tzereter (enthusiast), lehrling (apprentice), gezere (war artisan), kriegler (warrior), höher kriegler (high warrior), meister (master), adept (licensed master) and ältermeister (elder).
*Künstler: "Artist," a traditional name for Panzer Kunst practitioners.



WON'T YOU
JOIN THE
GUNTROLL
TEAM?

HOW
ABOUT IT,
ALITA?



WHAT
?!





...SHE
CAUGHT
ME OFF
GUARD!

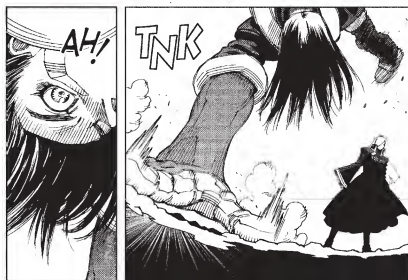
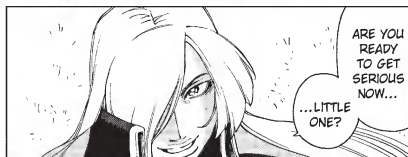
SHE
...

...BY
SUCH
SWEET
TALK!

YOU'RE
SO CUTE!
TO BE
TRICKED...

UNH
!





SZZT!



KA

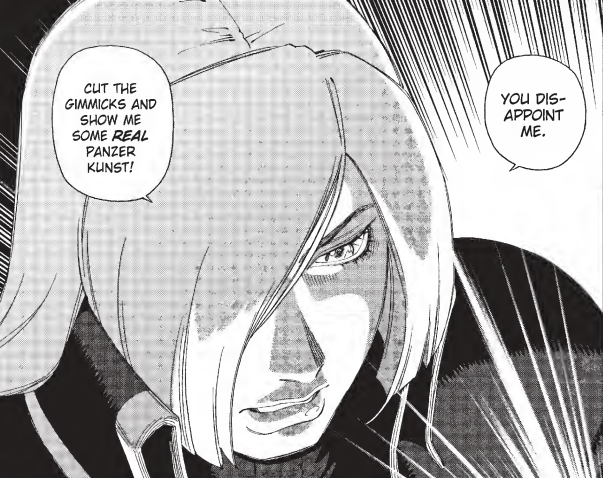
**DON'T
PRESS
YOUR
LUCK!**



THAT
WON'T
DO.

!!







PHASE 33: **Not Since That Battle...!**





TH-THIS
CAERULA
SANGUIS IS
AWE-
INSPIRING!



A XING-YI QUAN
"WOOD" MOVE,
A BAJI QUAN
ELBOW STRIKE,
AND QIN NA*...
SHE'S A
MASTER!

WOW!

ALITA IS THE
TINY TITAN WHO
WIPED OUT
THE KARATE
MONSTER TOJI
ON LEVIATHAN I,
AND TOOK DOWN
THE MASTER QU
TSANG!

BUT
CAERULA
SANGUIS
GOT A
CLEAN
HIT!

EVEN
AGAINST A
CYBORG,
JOINT LOCKS
CAN BE QUITE
EFFECTIVE
IN HAND-
TO-HAND
COMBAT!

BUT DIDN'T
YOU
NOTICE?
TSANG'S
HEI LONG
MOVE WAS
A TYPE OF
QIN NA,
TOO!

IT
WAS?

BUT THIS
IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE SEEN
JOINT
LOCKS
USED ON A
CYBORG!

KREK
POP

OF COURSE,
CYBORGS
AREN'T GO-
ING TO CRY
UNCLE DUE
TO PAIN.

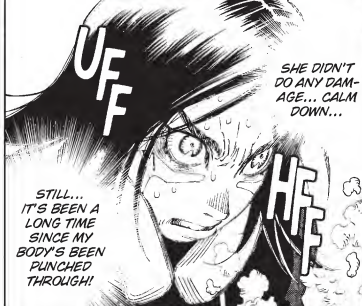
...BUT YOU
CAN PARALYZE
THEM TEM-
PORARILY, OR
EVEN DESTROY
THEIR JOINTS
THROUGH
STRESS.

IT'S POS-
SIBLE TO
USE GIMBAL
LOCKS TO
INDUCE
INVERSE
KINEMATIC
STRESS IN
POLYAR-
TICULAR
ARMS.

*Qin na: Joint lock technique in Chinese martial arts. Frequently used with both parties standing.

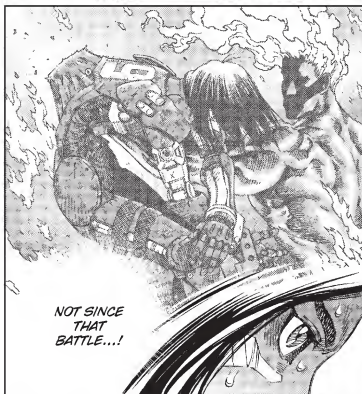
*Gimbal lock: The phenomenon of two rotational axes of a joint lined up in the same direction, unable to move.

*Inverse kinematics: Controlling movement of the arm through its extremities.

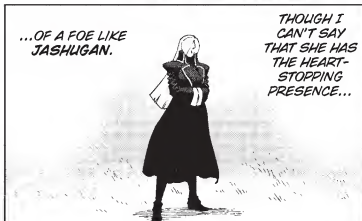


SHE DIDN'T
DO ANY DAM-
AGE... CALM
DOWN...

STILL...
IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME
SINCE MY
BODY'S BEEN
PUNCHED
THROUGH!



NOT SINCE
THAT
BATTLE...!



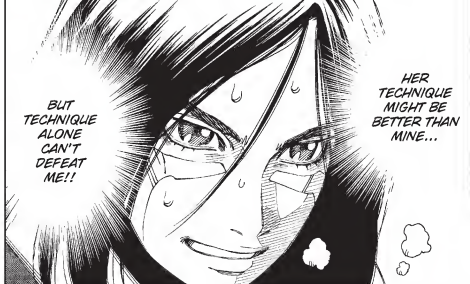
...OF A FOE LIKE
JASHUGAN.

THOUGH I
CAN'T SAY
THAT SHE HAS
THE HEART-
STOPPING
PRESENCE...

DAMN
IT!



SHE GOT
OFF ONE
GOOD PUNCH,
AND I FLEW
OFF THE
HANDLE!



BUT
TECHNIQUE
ALONE
CAN'T
DEFEAT
ME!!

HER
TECHNIQUE
MIGHT BE
BETTER THAN
MINE...



YOU GET
SERIOUS, AS
WELL!

IS THAT
SWORD A
FASHION
STATE-
MENT?



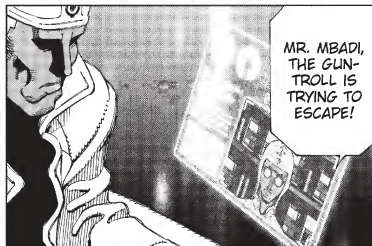
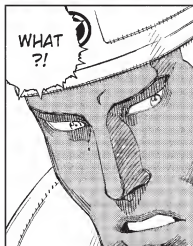
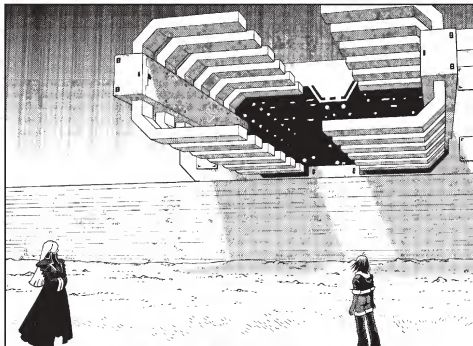
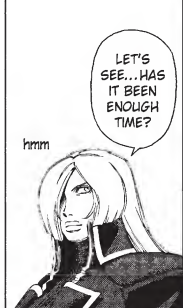
UNDER
ONE
CONDITION.

YOU
WANT TO
SEE MY
PANZER
KUNST?

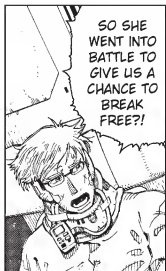


AND
THAT
IS?

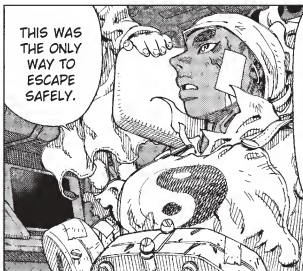
OH?





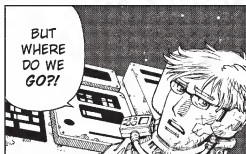


SO SHE
WENT INTO
BATTLE TO
GIVE US A
CHANCE TO
BREAK
FREE?!



THIS WAS
THE ONLY
WAY TO
ESCAPE
SAFELY.

WE'RE
WANTED BY
THE LAW, BUT
NEITHER THE
UNION NOR
LADDER CAN
ACT
WHILE THE
MATCH IS
TAKING
PLACE.



BUT
WHERE
DO WE
GO?!



GUNRO!

OUR ASYLUM IS IN THIS CHIP. CAERULA WENT THROUGH A LOT TO GET IT.



THE MEAN THINGS SHE SAID WERE TO GET YOU MOVING.

TRY TO FORGIVE HER.

I BET SHE WAS HALF SERIOUS...

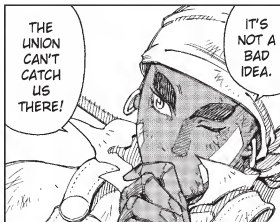


THIS MEMORY CHIP ALSO CONTAINS DATA ON THE FLIGHT PATH. I CAN FLY THIS MYSELF!

WE'RE GOING TO MARS! THE MARS KINGDOM PARLIAMENT HAS TEMPORARY CONTROL OVER OLYMPUS SPACE PORT.



PLAY-
ING BACK
MESSAGE
FROM
MARTIAN
QUEEN
LIMEIRA!



THE
UNION
CAN'T
CATCH
US
THERE!

IT'S
NOT A
BAD
IDEA.



SHE
WANTS
US TO FLY
INTO A
CIVIL
WAR?!



Hello,
there!

To
all of
you aboard
the good
ship
Guntroll...



WE DEEPLY
RESPECT
THOSE OF
YOU WHO
RISK YOUR
LIVES TO
HELP THE
CHILDREN.

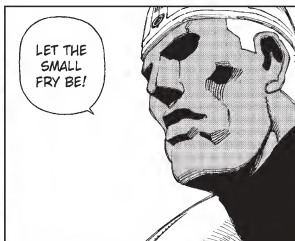
THE MARS
KINGDOM
PARLIAMENT
WELCOMES
THE STELLAR
NURSERY
SOCIETY!



A
bear?



SANGUIS
...



LET THE
SMALL
FRY BE!



WHAT
SHALL WE
DO, MR.
MBADI?



HMM
?



I'M
SORRY.
DID I
SPOIL THE
MOOD?

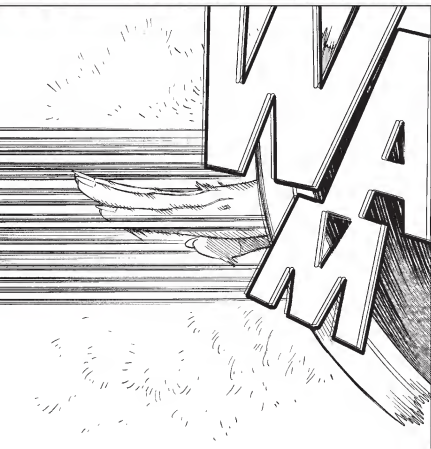
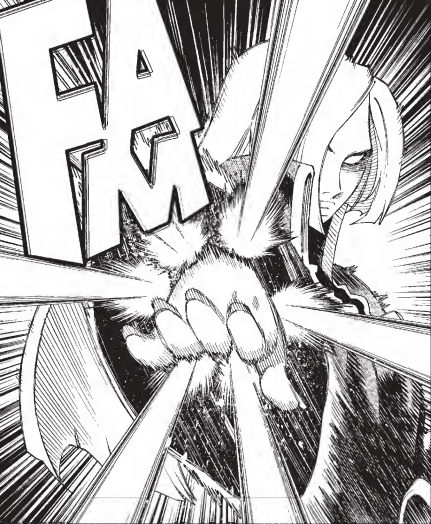
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

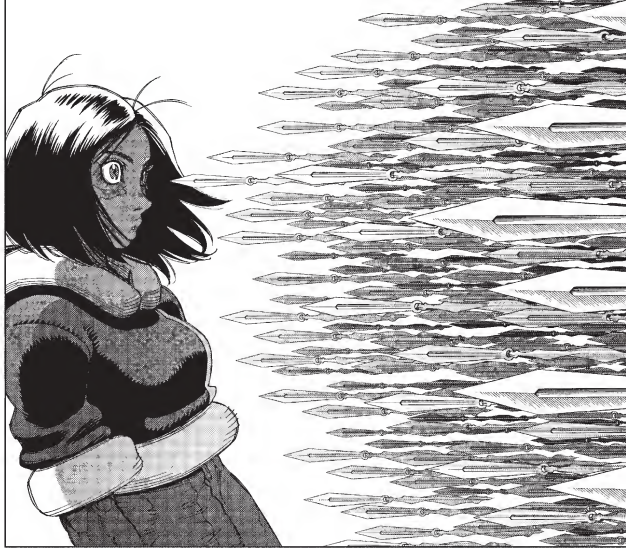


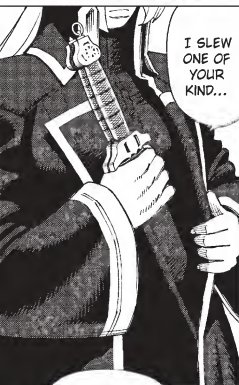
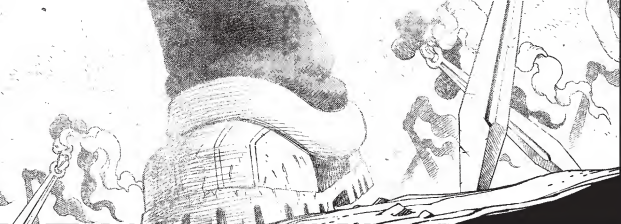
GIVE
UP!

...

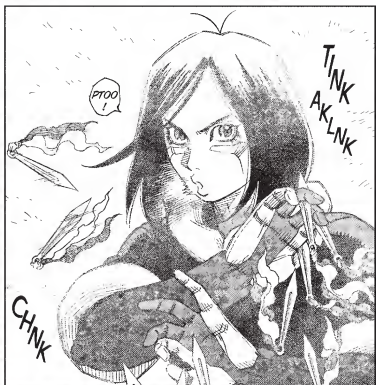
THERE'S
NO REASON
FOR YOU TO
FIGHT ANY-
MORE...







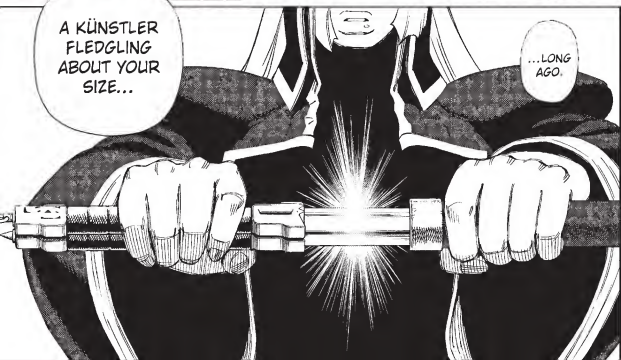
I SLEW
ONE OF
YOUR
KIND...



PTOO!

TINK
AKLNK

CHNK



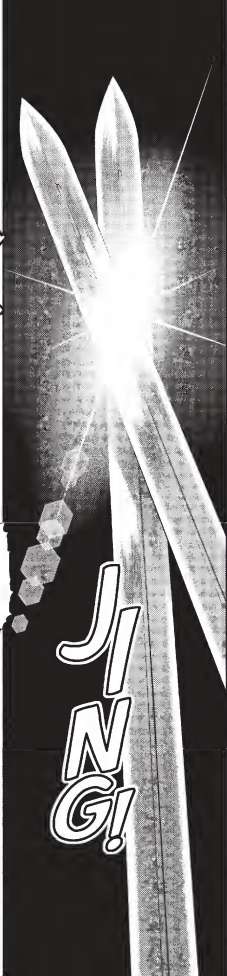
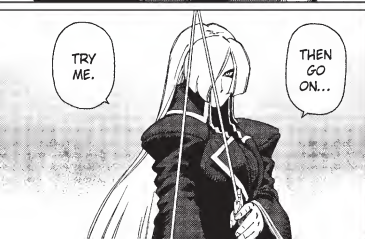
A KÜNSTLER
FLEDGLING
ABOUT YOUR
SIZE...

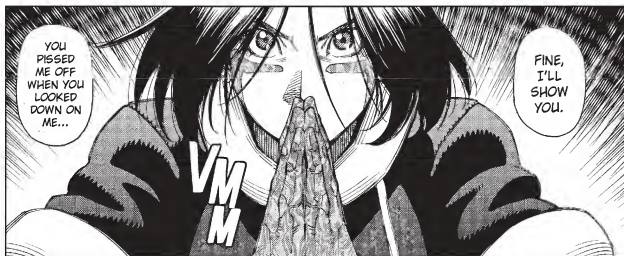
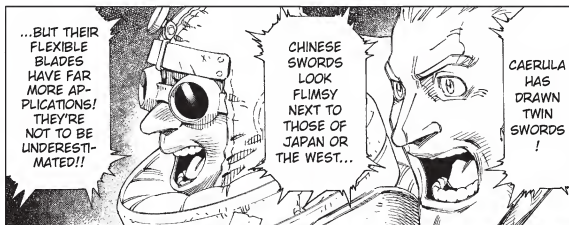
...LONG
AGO.



BUT SHE
WAS...
HARDIER
THAN
YOU.

The Twin Azure Blades
Earthlight and Moonlight





AND NOW
THAT I CAN'T
HEAR THE
CHILDREN
CRYING, I
CAN FIGHT
ALL OUT!



**ZA
NG**

GOOD!

**EIGHT BLOCK
DEATH GATE ARRAY**



...BUT NOT
EVEN A
THIRD OF
MY TOP
SPEED!

PRETTY
QUICK
FOR
FLESH
AND
BLOOD...

I CAN
SEE
IT...

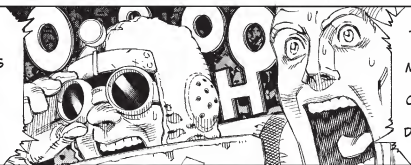


CHI!



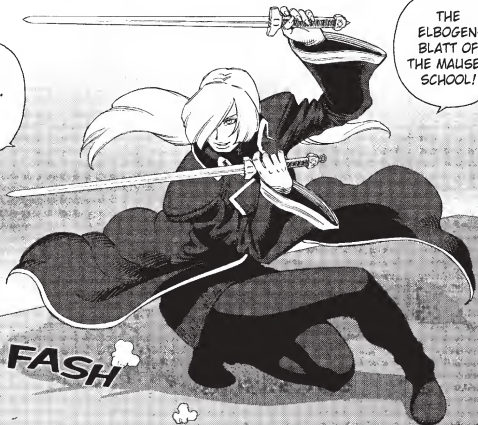


THEY'RE
MOVING SO
QUICKLY, IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
TO SEE
WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING!



THEY'RE
EVENLY
MATCHED
IN
OFFENSE
AND
DEFENSE!

WHAT A
DELIGHT.
THANK
YOU.



THE
ELBOGEN-
BLATT OF
THE MAUSER
SCHOOL!

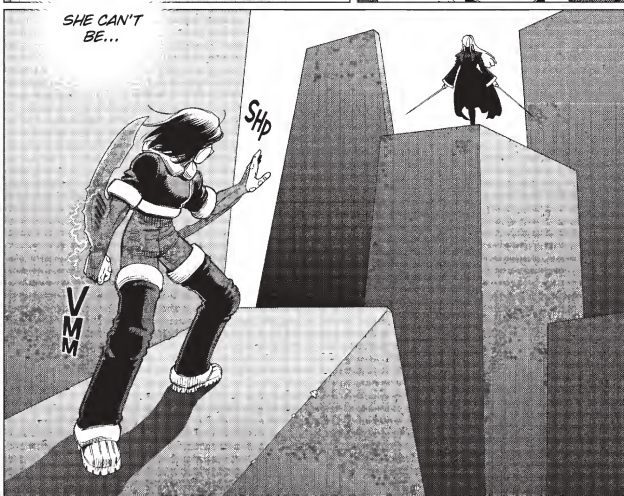
FASH

I SHOULD BE
MUCH FASTER
THAN HER...!

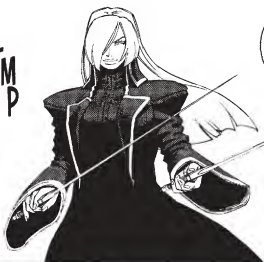
WHY...?!



SHE CAN'T
BE...

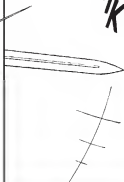


TM
P



GIVE IT UP.

T/K



BUT SHE
CAN SEE THE
TYPE AND
ANGLE OF
ATTACK TOO!

THAT'S
IT!

A SINGLE
ATTACK
ALONE IS
USELESS
AGAINST
HER!

I MAY BE
ABLE TO
READ THE
TIMING OF MY
OPPONENT'S
ATTACKS...

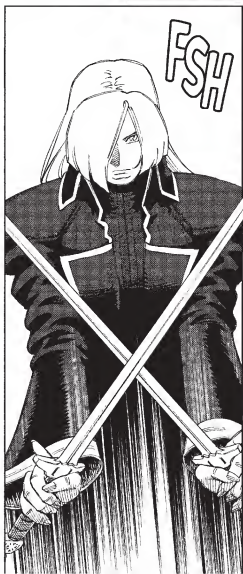
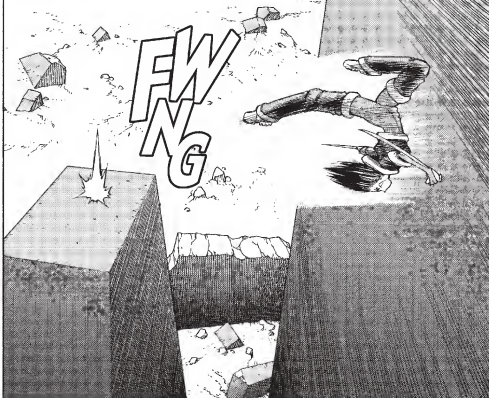
IT'S
ENOUGH
TO OFFSET
THE SPEED
HANDICAP!

AND
YET...

THE
VAMPIRE
EYE.

SANGUIS WAS
BORN WITH THE
ABILITY TO SEE
THE NEURAL
PULSES FLOWING
THROUGH
HER ENEMIES.

THREE
STEPS, THEN
A JUMP.





ZK
EE
EE
EE

JIN
G
!

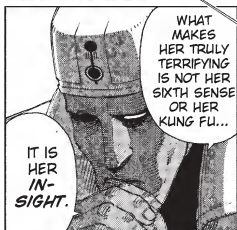
TING TING
TING TING
TING



SIX
STEPS
TO THE
LEFT.

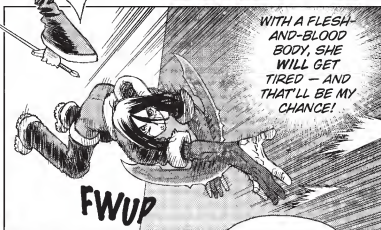
I HAVE TO THROW
HER OFF WITH A
COMBINATION OF
MOVES!

...I CAN DO THIS!



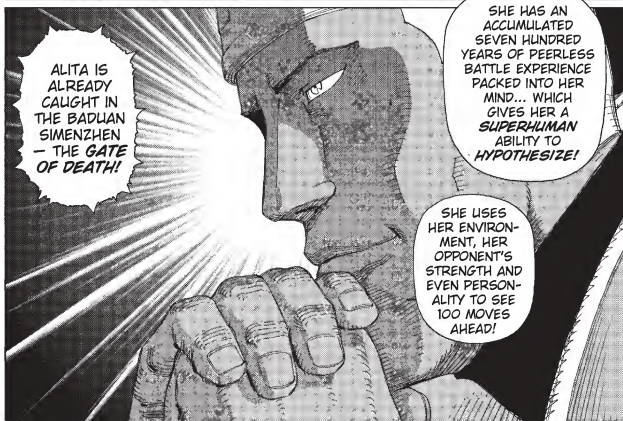
WHAT
MAKES
HER TRULY
TERRIFYING
IS NOT HER
SIXTH SENSE
OR HER
KUNG FU...

IT IS
HER
IN-
SIGHT.



WITH A FLESH-
AND-BLOOD
BODY, SHE
WILL GET
TIRED - AND
THAT'LL BE MY
CHANCE!

FWUP



ALITA IS
ALREADY
CAUGHT IN
THE BADUAN
SIMENZHEN
- THE GATE
OF DEATH!

SHE HAS AN
ACCUMULATED
SEVEN HUNDRED
YEARS OF PEERLESS
BATTLE EXPERIENCE
PACKED INTO HER
MIND... WHICH
GIVES HER A
SUPERHUMAN
ABILITY TO
HYPOTHEZIZE!

SHE USES
HER ENVIRON-
MENT, HER
OPPONENT'S
STRENGTH AND
EVEN PERSON-
ALITY TO SEE
100 MOVES
AHEAD!

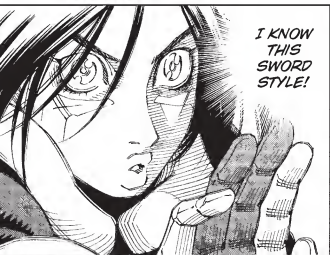
WHAT IS
THIS...?! FOR
A WHILE, I'VE
FELT MEMORIES
STIRRING DEEP
WITHIN ME...

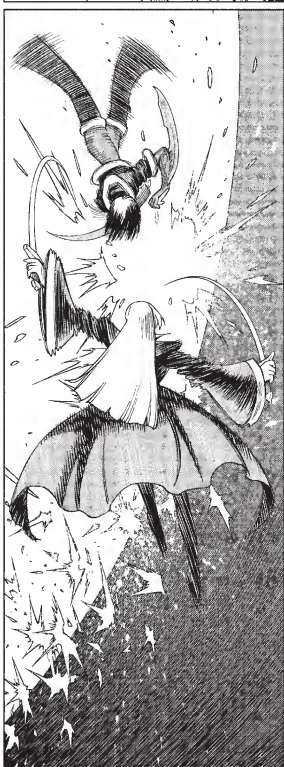
SH
NK

?!


BUT ME-
THUSELYZA-
TION WAS
ONLY IN-
VENTED TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS AGO!

SEVEN
HUN-
DRED?!


I KNOW
THIS
SWORD
STYLE!




**YOUR
DEATH
GATE!**

**THIS
IS
IT...**

DEATH

**I RE-
MEMB-
MER...**



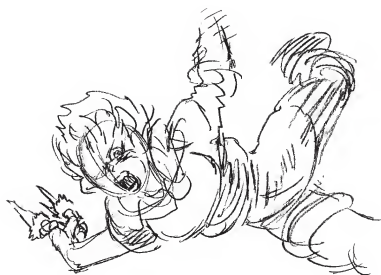
CUT
ME
DOWN
BE-
FORE
!!

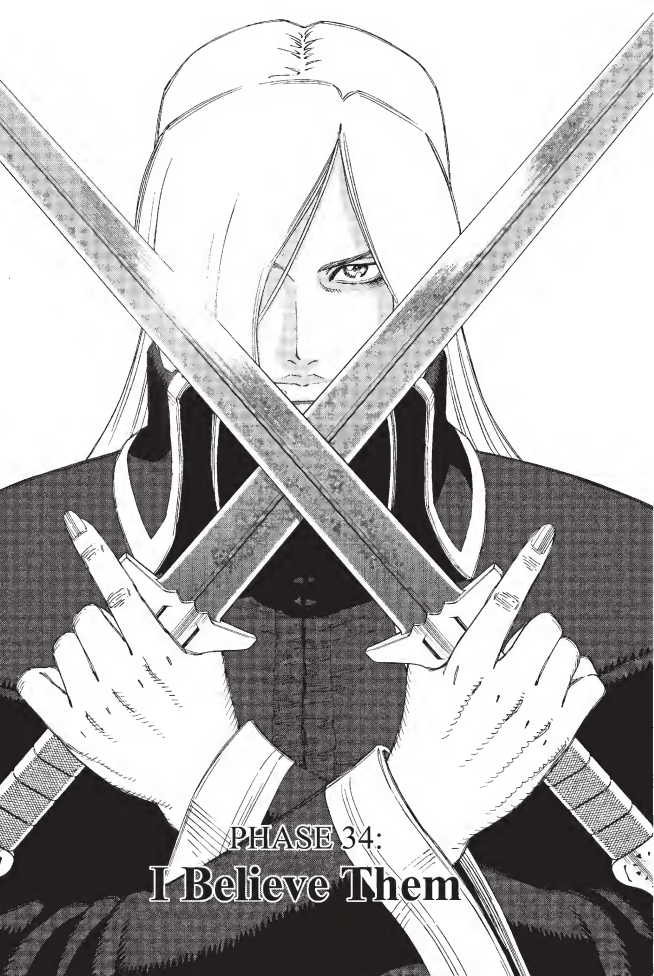
SHE
HAS

...









PHASE 34:

I Believe Them



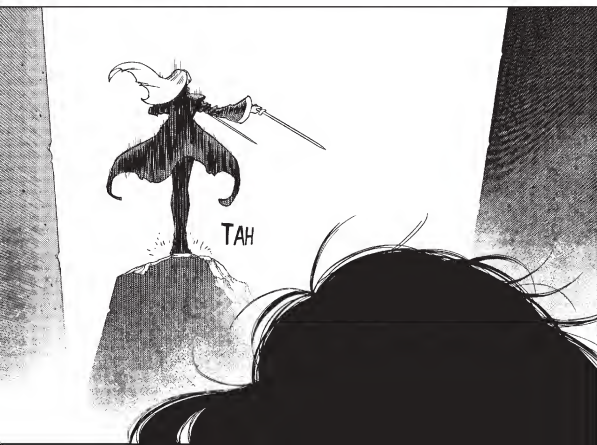
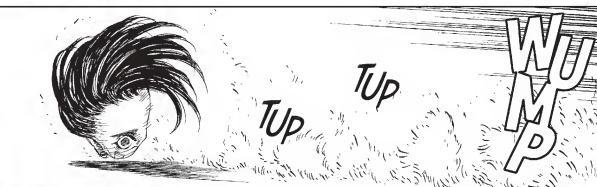
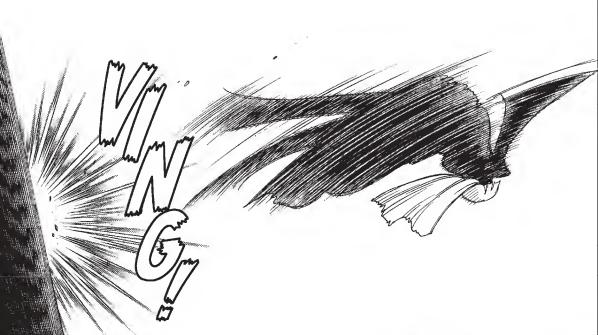
"SEVER THE
EIGHT GATES OF
HEAVEN, EARTH
AND MAN, AND
AT THE DEATH
GATE, CUT."
THIS IS THE
**EIGHT SEV-
ERING DEATH
GATE FORM!**

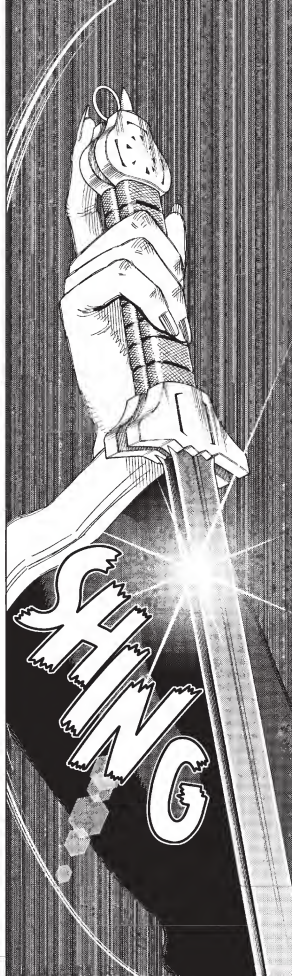
A NAME
NOT FOR
A SINGLE
MOVE, BUT
A TACTIC.

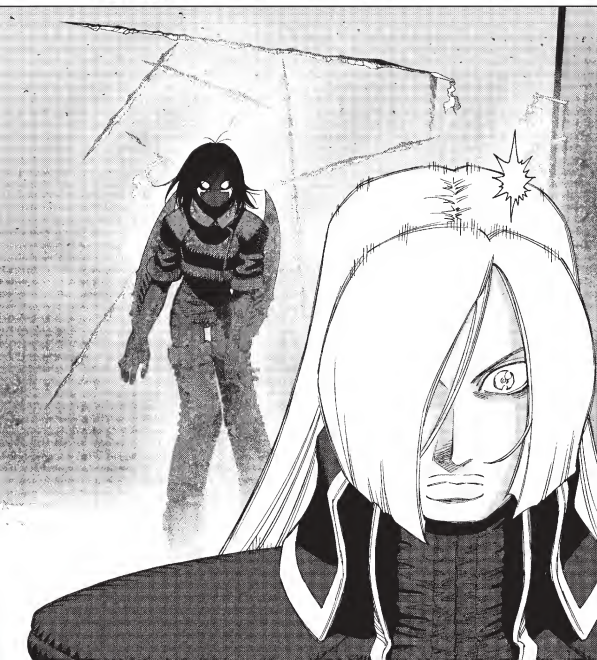
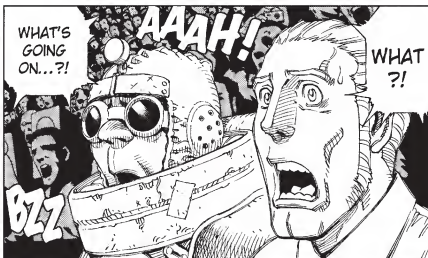
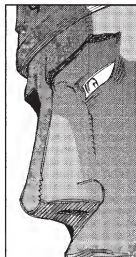
IT REMOVES
COINCIDENCE —
HEAVEN, OTHER
INTERESTS —
EARTH, AND THE
ENEMY'S MENTAL
STATE — MAN,
LURING THE
ENEMY INTO HER
DEATH GATE,
WHERE **CERTAIN**
DOOM AWAITS!

NOT
EVEN A
MASTER
CAN
ESCAPE
IT!

BUT...

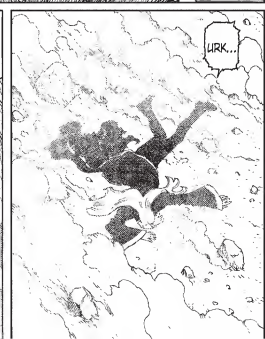
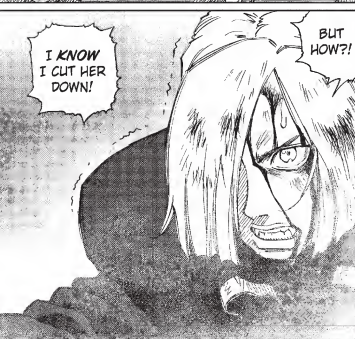
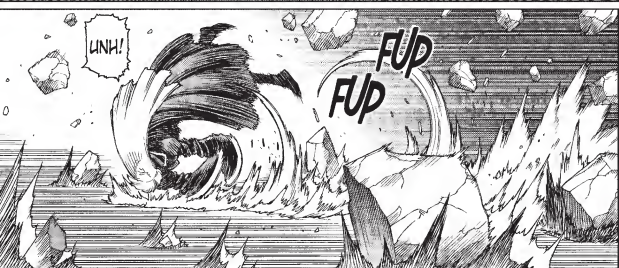


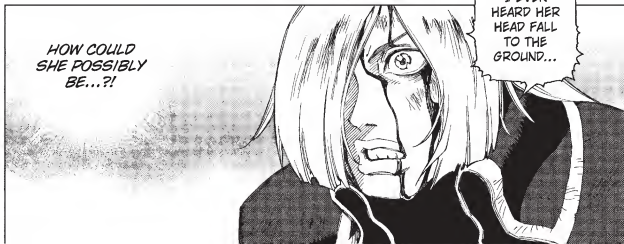


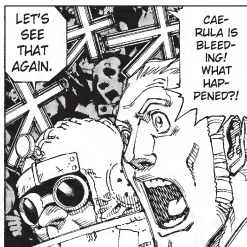
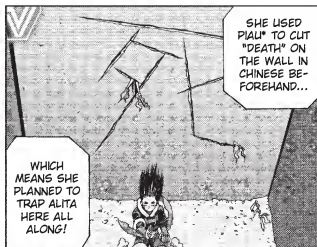


WHA—?!









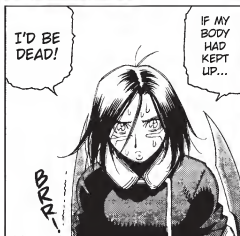
*Piau: Chinese throwing knives.



...I WAS
SURE
YOU CUT
THROUGH
ME!



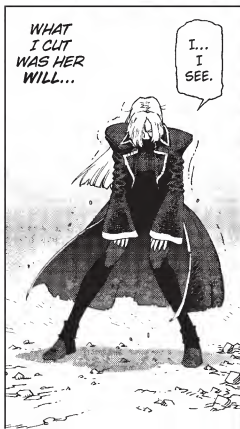
I...



I'D BE
DEAD!

IF MY
BODY
HAD
KEPT
UP...

BRZ!



WHAT
I CUT
WAS HER
WILL...

I...
I SEE.



I TRIED
TO RUN,
BUT IN MY
PANIC, I
FROZE.
MY **WILL**
JUMPED
AHEAD...

...AND
YOU
SLICED IT,
NOT ME.



THERE'S
ONE
THING I
HAVE TO
BE SURE
OF.

TH—



IT... IT
WAS
ME...!

THE PANZER
KUNST GIRL
YOU SLEW
BEFORE...



I WAS CUT
AND CAP-
TURED BY
SOMEONE
IN ARMOR,
WIELD-
ING TWIN
SWORDS.

I WAS
CALLED
YOKO.

EVEN NOW,
I CAN'T
REMEMBER,
BUT I KNOW
THAT 200
YEARS AGO
I WAS AT
KETHERES,
ALONE.

WHAT
?!





CAM
RANH?
DID
I...?



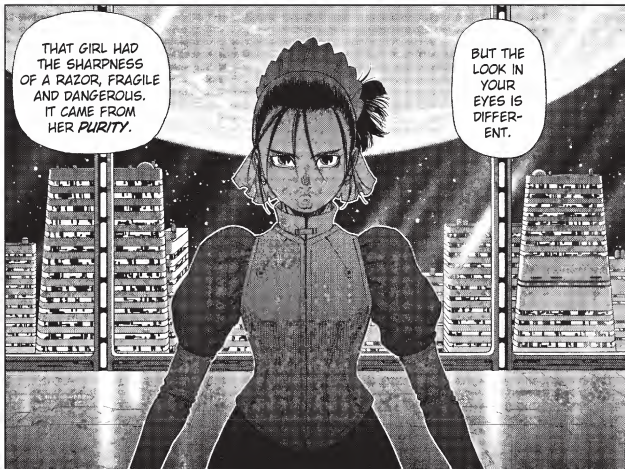
YOU'RE
STILL
ALIVE?

I'D HEARD
THAT GIRL WAS
CHARGED WITH
CAUSING THE
**CAM RANH
TRAGEDY** AND
WAS SENTENCED
TO BE THROWN
INTO THE ATMO-
SPHERE...



...I DO
SEE A
RESEM-
BLANCE.

NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT...



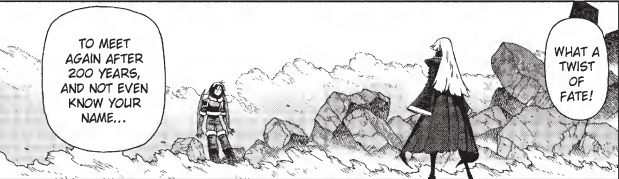
THAT GIRL HAD
THE SHARPNESS
OF A RAZOR, FRAGILE
AND DANGEROUS.
IT CAME FROM
HER PURITY.

BUT THE
LOOK IN
YOUR
EYES IS
DIFFER-
ENT.



THEY ARE THE
EYES OF A
WOMAN WHO'S
SEEN SORROW
AND JOY.

BUT YOUR
EYES ARE
THOSE OF
ANY
HUMAN.

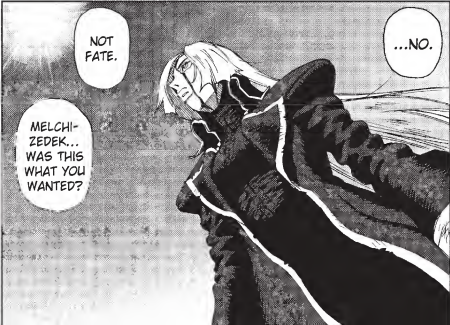


TO MEET
AGAIN AFTER
200 YEARS,
AND NOT EVEN
KNOW YOUR
NAME...

WHAT A
TWIST
OF
FATE!



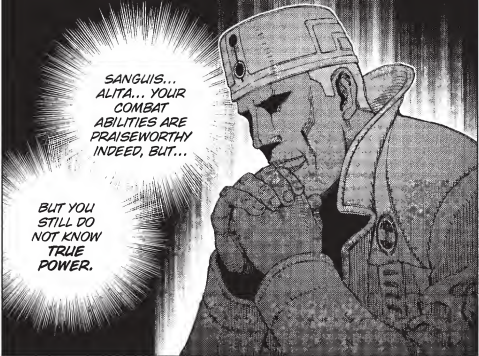
...?



NOT
FATE.

MELCHI-
ZEDEK...
WAS THIS
WHAT YOU
WANTED?

...NO.



SANGLUIS...
ALITA... YOUR
COMBAT
ABILITIES ARE
PRAISEWORTHY
INDEED, BUT...

BUT YOU
STILL DO
NOT KNOW
TRUE
POWER.

R
M
M
B



THIS...
IS REAL
POWER!



YOU BOTH
STAND AGAINST
LADDER... AND
YET ON MY
AUTHORITY, YOU
WILL KILL EACH
OTHER!

COMPARED TO
THAT, A SINGLE
WARRIOR IS
WORTHLESS!

I WARN
YOU, MY
TECH-
NIQUE IS
PERFECT.

...YOU
WILL BE
SLAIN AT
THE DEATH
GATE.

SO,
YOU'RE
HERE,
TWO
CENTURIES
LATER,
FOR A RE-
MATCH...?



OF COURSE
NOT...
ALL I RE-
MEMBER IS
WRENCHING
FEAR...

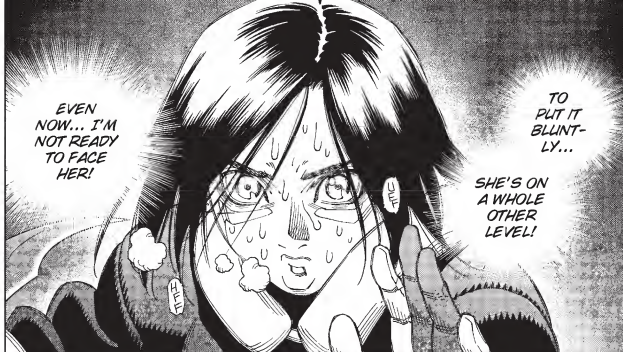
A RE-
MATCH
...?!



I DIDN'T
UNDER-
STAND HOW
STRONG SHE
WAS UNTIL
JUST BE-
FORE I WAS
CLUT DOWN!

I TOTALLY
MISJUDGED
THIS
WOMAN'S
STRENGTH...





EVEN
NOW... I'M
NOT READY
TO FACE
HER!

TO
PUT IT
BLUNT-
LY...

SHE'S ON
A WHOLE
OTHER
LEVEL!



I WANT
TO RUN!



AND THAT'S
THE ONE
RULE I
DECIDED
NEVER TO
BREAK!

BUT... A
KLINSTLER
NEVER
FLEES FROM
AN ENEMY!



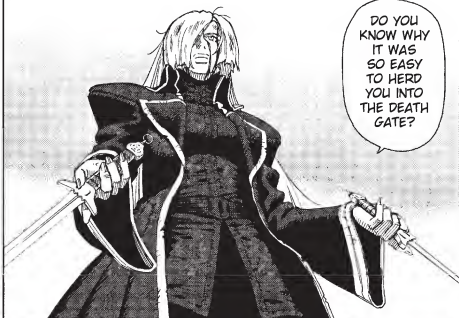
I CAN
HARDLY
STAND!

BUT...
BUT...
AAHH!!

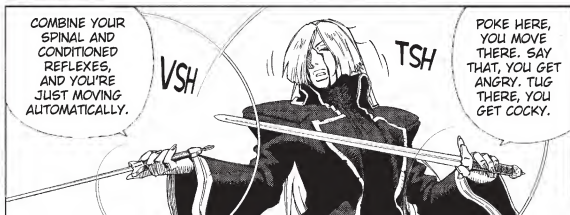
TCH

KCH

KCH



DO YOU
KNOW WHY
IT WAS
SO EASY
TO HERD
YOU INTO
THE DEATH
GATE?



COMBINE YOUR
SPINAL AND
CONDITIONED
REFLEXES,
AND YOU'RE
JUST MOVING
AUTOMATICALLY.

VSH

TSH

POKE HERE,
YOU MOVE
THERE. SAY
THAT, YOU GET
ANGRY. TUG
THERE, YOU
GET COCKY.



THEY NEVER CHANGE
THEIR INGRAINED
REFLEXES, AND EVEN
IF THEY **DO** FIGURE
OUT THE TRICK
BEHIND THE DEATH
GATE, THEY CAN'T
BREAK FREE.

IN THAT
SENSE,
MOST
HUMANS
ARE THE
SAME AS
ANIMALS
OR
ROBOTS.

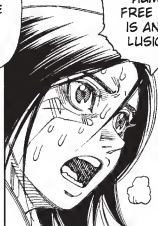
THE HEAD
MERELY
CONFIRMS
AND
FOLLOWS.



YOU MAY
INSIST THAT
YOU USE
YOUR
HEAD...

...BUT
BEFORE
YOU THINK,
YOUR BODY
MAKES THE
DECISION.

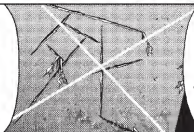
A--ARE
YOU
SAYING
HUMAN
FREE WILL
IS AN IL-
LUSION?



...IN
RARE
CASES...

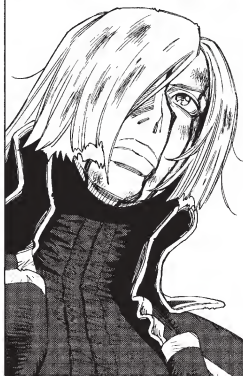
BUT
WE DO
HEAR...

...AND ON
THAT DAY,
THE BADUAN
SIMENZHEN
WILL BE
TRULY
BROKEN.



SUCH A
PERSON
WOULD
ESCAPE
MY TECH-
NIQUE...

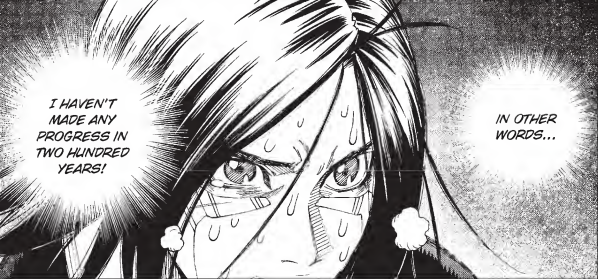
...OF
HUMAN
BEINGS
FULLY
AWARE OF
THE SELF
AND THE
WORLD...



AND SO I
LIVE ON,
DREAMING
OF THAT
DAY TO
COME.

...AND
THUS ABLE
TO MAKE
TRUE
CHOICES.





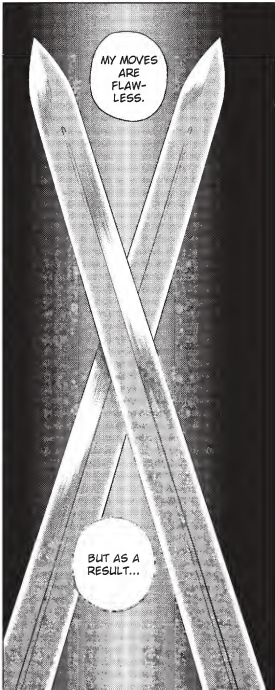
I HAVEN'T
MADE ANY
PROGRESS IN
TWO HUNDRED
YEARS!

IN OTHER
WORDS...



...WOULD
HAVE A DESTINY
BEYOND
KNOWING. SO
I BELIEVE.

ANYONE, NO
MATTER HOW
YOUNG, WHO
FACES MY
SWORDS AND
SURVIVES...



MY MOVES
ARE
FLAW-
LESS.



DESTINY?

BUT AS A
RESULT...



AND IF THERE
IS SUCH A
THING AS
DESTINY...

THERE'S
NO REASON
TO WORRY
ABOUT LIFE
AND DEATH.

ALL I
CAN
DO...



THINGS LIKE
THIS HAVE
HAPPENED
MANY TIMES
BEFORE.

I HAVEN'T
SURVIVED
ON MY OWN
STRENGTH
ALONE.

THAT'S
RIGHT... IF
THAT HAD
BEEN REAL, I
WOULD'VE DIED
BACK THERE.

AND
THAT'S
NOT ALL.

...IS
FIGHT
WITH
ALL MY
SOUL!

F
W
S
H
T



WHAT
NICE
EYES.

AH...

SHE IS NO
DISPOSABLE
RAZOR!

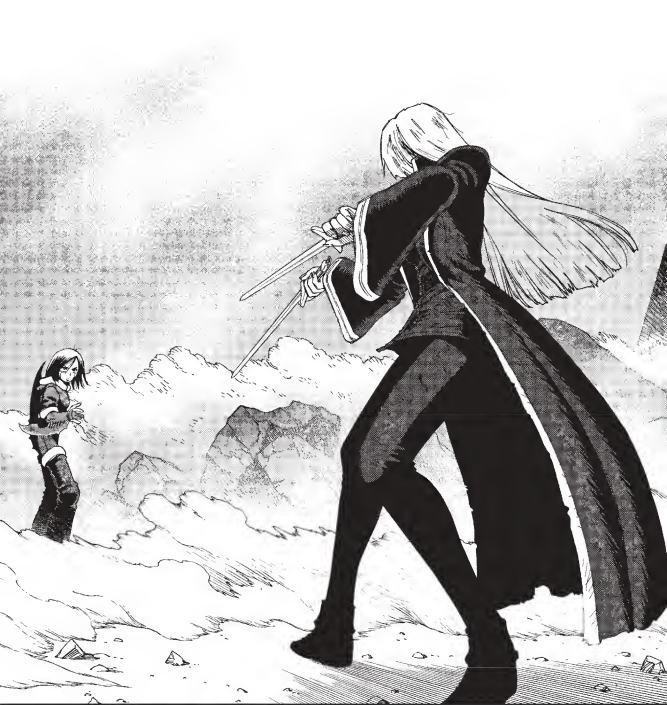
SHE'S A
FINELY
HONED
BLADE...

YES,
THAT'S
JUST WHAT
SHE IS...

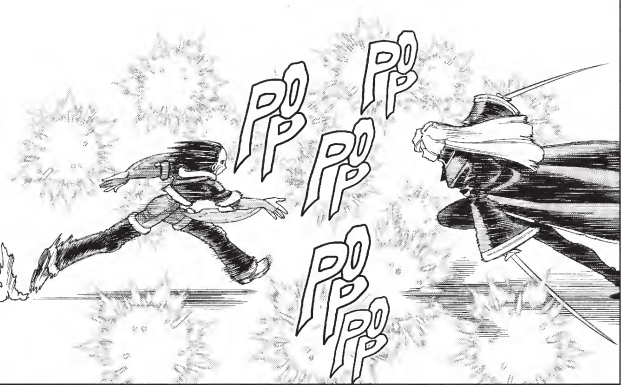
SHE
KNOWS
FEAR AND
HER OWN
LIMITS.

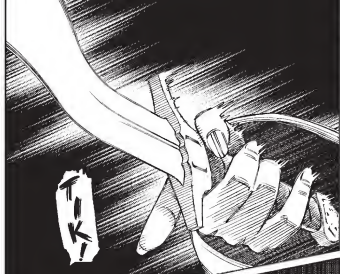
SHE
KNOWS
HUMAN
JOY AND
SORROW.

...YET SHE
HASN'T
LOST HER
EDGE!



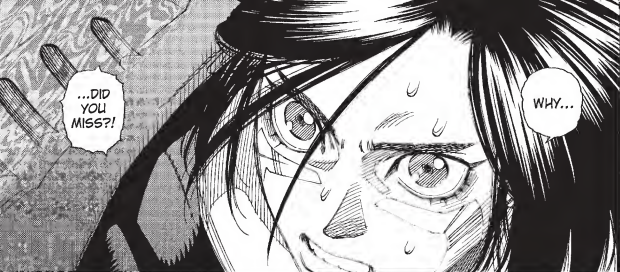












...DID
YOU
MISS?!

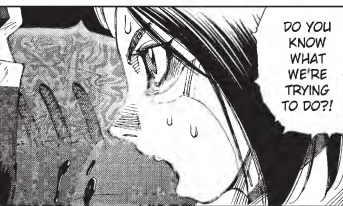
WHY...



...AND
I...
BE-
LIEVE
THEM.

A DESTINY
BEYOND
KNOWING...
THAT'S WHAT
MY SWORDS
TOLD ME...

gahk



DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT
WE'RE
TRYING
TO DO?!



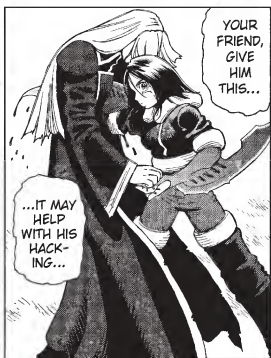
SND



TM
SH

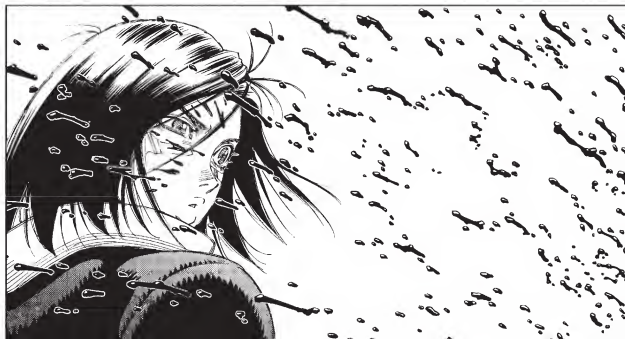


...



YOUR
FRIEND,
GIVE
HIM
THIS...

...IT MAY
HELP
WITH HIS
HACK-
ING...





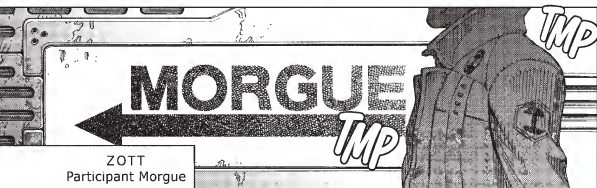
FWMP

ALITA
WINS
THIS
FIERCE
BATTLE!

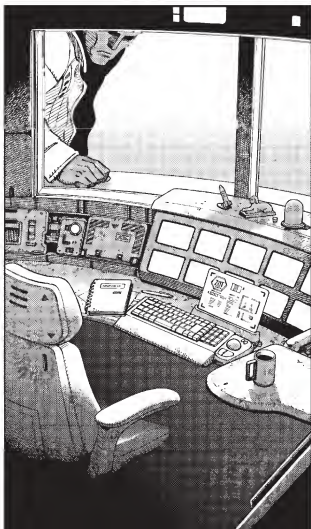
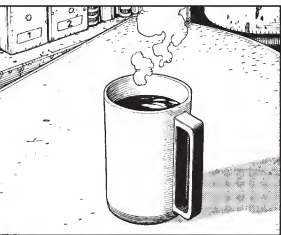
THE
SPACE
ANGELS
GO TO
ROUND
TWO!!

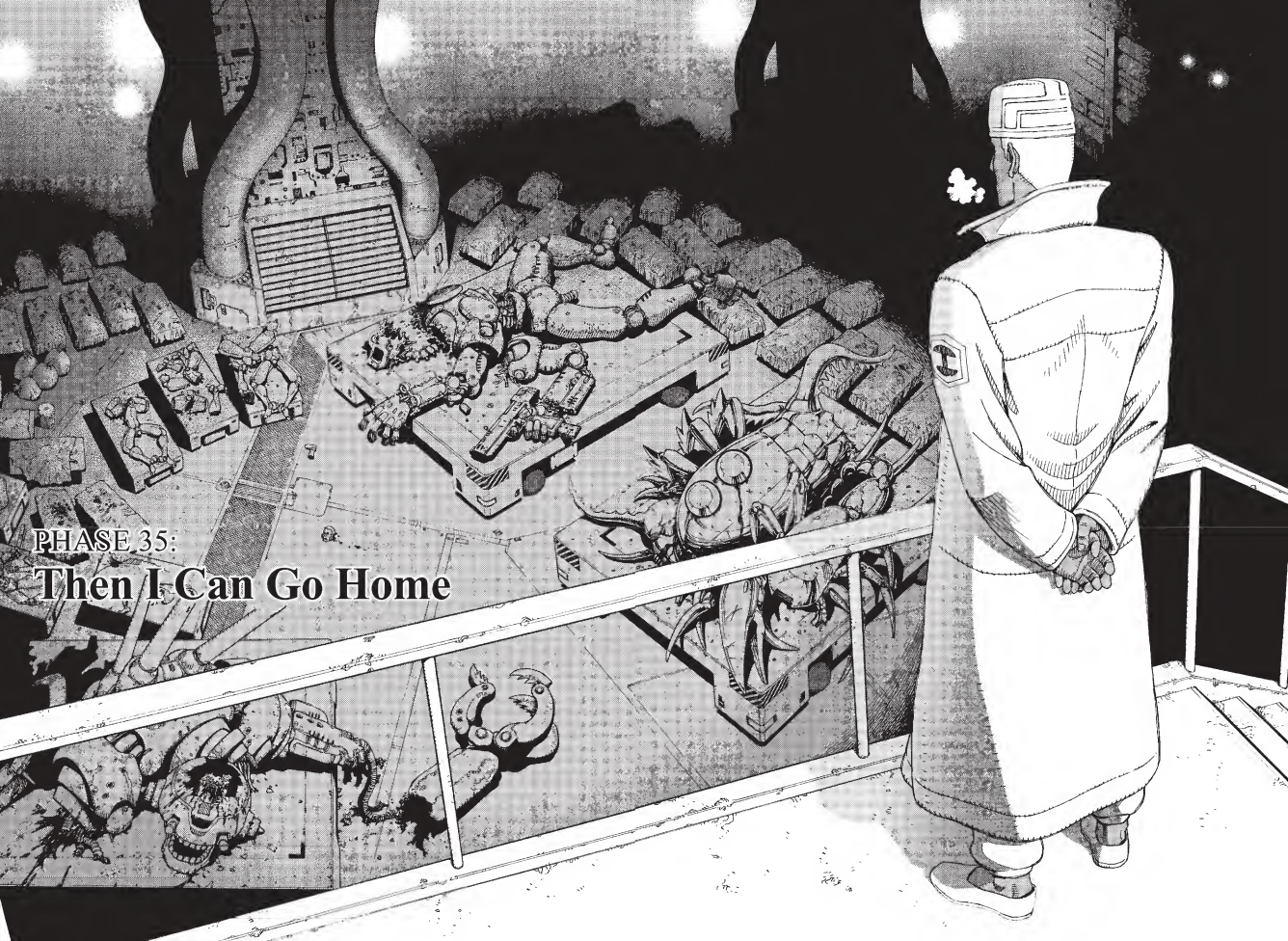






ZOTT
Participant Morgue





PHASE 35:

Then I Can Go Home

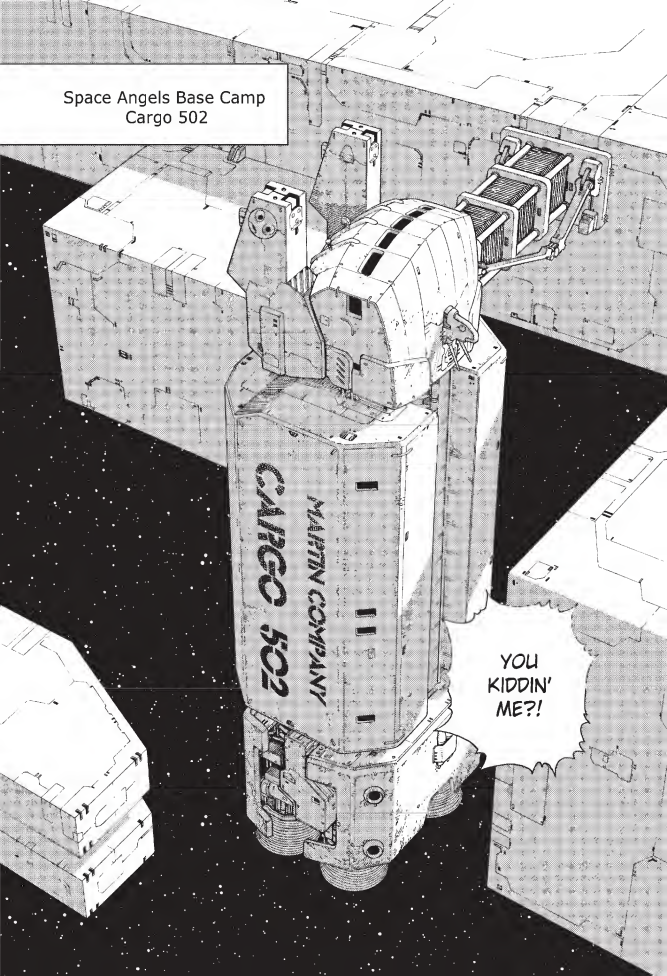




Space Angels Base Camp
Cargo 502

MARTIN COMPANY
CARGO 502

YOU
KIDDIN'
ME?!



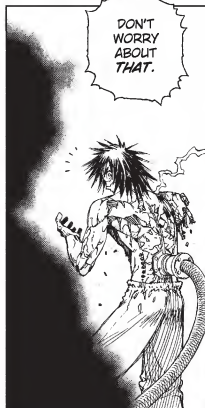


Eep!

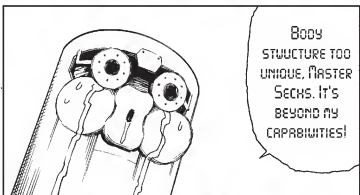
DECK-
MAN
100!

WHADDYA
MEAN YOU CAN
REPAIR ALTA
AND THE
BUNNIES...

...BUT
NOT
**ME?!
HUH?!**



DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



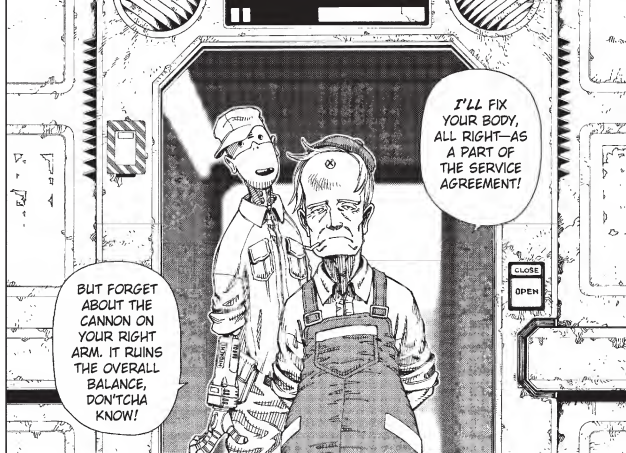
Body
STRUCTURE TOO
UNIQUE, MASTER
SECHS. It's
BEYOND MY
CAPABILITIES!



...DROP
OUT
AFTER
THE
FIRST
ROUND!

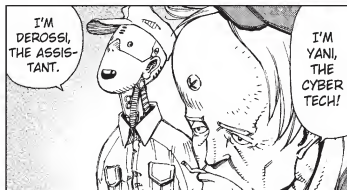
I-I CAN'T
BE THE
ONLY ONE
WHO HAS
TO...

KRRK



BUT FORGET ABOUT THE CANNON ON YOUR RIGHT ARM. IT RUINS THE OVERALL BALANCE, DON'TCHA KNOW!

I'LL FIX YOUR BODY, ALL RIGHT—AS A PART OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT!



I'M DEROSI, THE ASSISTANT.

I'M YANI, THE CYBER TECH!



WHO?

OLD MAN! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' IN KETH-ERES?

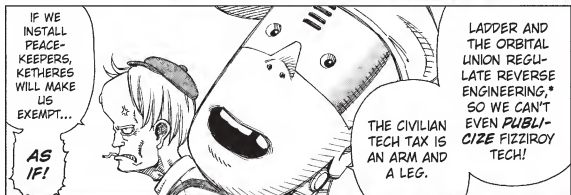
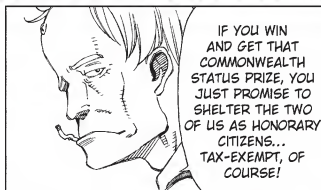
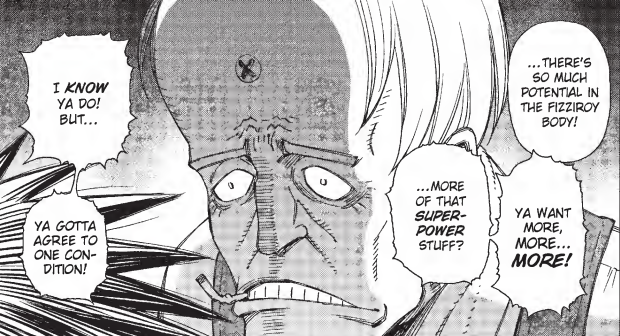


YOU PASS THE FIRST TEST, BUT...

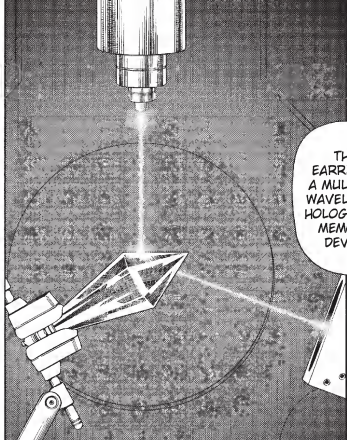
THAT SO?

I SAW YOUR MATCH... YOU GOT SOME GRIT, BOY.

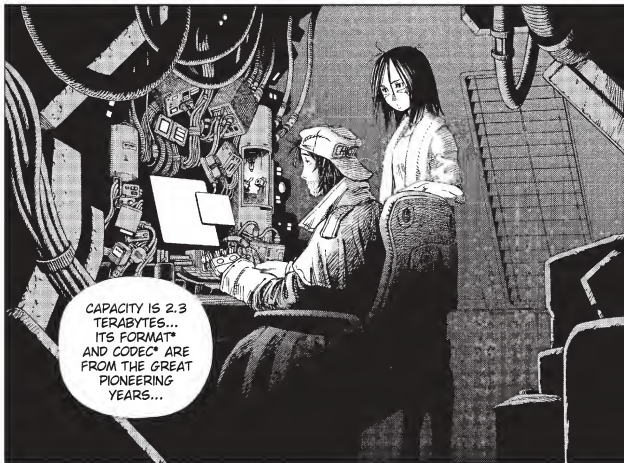
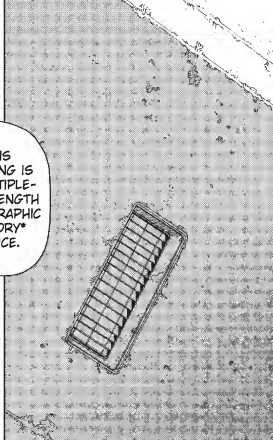
AND GOOD INSTINCTS. YOU'RE ONLY THE SECOND ONE WHO'S BEEN ABLE TO LEARN TO HANDLE A FIZZIROY BODY IN SUCH A SHORT TIME!



*Reverse engineering: Disassembling existing hardware or software to understand its structure and function.



THIS
EARRING IS
A MULTIPLE-
WAVELENGTH
HOLOGRAPHIC
MEMORY*
DEVICE.

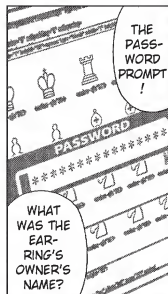


CAPACITY IS 2.3
TERABYTES...
ITS FORMAT*
AND CODEC* ARE
FROM THE GREAT
PIONEERING
YEARS...

***Holographic memory:** Optical memory employing lasers. Stores information in three-dimensional layers.

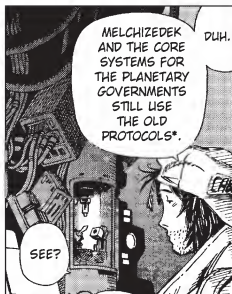
***Format:** Organization of data to preset specifications. Used for reading and writing media.

***Codec:** Short for compression/decompression. Technique for encoding and retrieving compressed data.



THE PASS-WORD PROMPT!

WHAT WAS THE EARRING'S OWNER'S NAME?



MELCHIZEDEK AND THE CORE SYSTEMS FOR THE PLANETARY GOVERNMENTS STILL USE THE OLD PROTOCOLS*.

DUH.

SEE?



...THE 200s OR SO! BADLY OUT OF DATE.

CAN YOU READ IT?



MEANS "BLUE BLOOD" IN LATIN.

CAERULA SANGUIS.

"BLUE BLOOD" MIGHT ALSO MEAN NOBILITY. LET'S LOOK UP SOME VARIATIONS...



WH... WHOA!



VMM



OKAY... WE GOT A HIT.

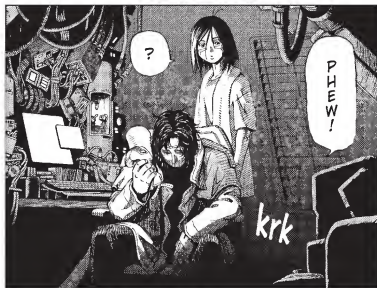
CHINESE FOR "BLUE PRINCESS" ...

*Protocol: A standard for communication exchange.



HEH...
HEH,
HEH,
HEH!

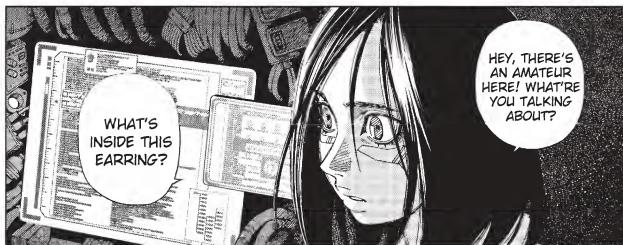
SO IT
REALLY
EXISTS,
DAMMIT!



?

PHEW!

krk



WHAT'S
INSIDE THIS
EARRING?

HEY, THERE'S
AN AMATEUR
HERE! WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

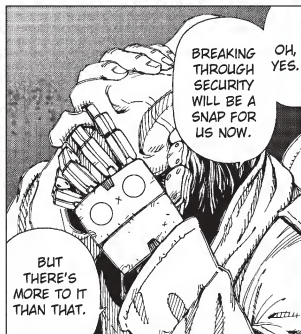


IT'S **FATA
MORGANA**.*

THE LOST
KEY TO
MELCHI-
ZEDEK.

THERE'S A
PROGRAM
SAVED
IN ITS
MEMORY.
BUT NOT
JUST ANY
PROGRAM.

**Fata Morgana*: A mirage or illusion, named after the enchantress Morgan le Fay of Arthurian legend.



BREAKING THROUGH SECURITY WILL BE A SNAP FOR US NOW.

OH, YES.

BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT.



WILL IT BE USEFUL WHEN WE RESCUE LOU'S BRAIN?



I SEARCHED FOR THIS IN ROBO-ASYL FOR 100 YEARS...

NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET HOLD OF IT *HERE!*

THIS IS THE **MOTHERLODE**. A GIFT FROM THE GODS, MORE LIKE.

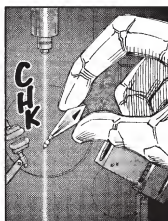
HEH, HEH!



DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.

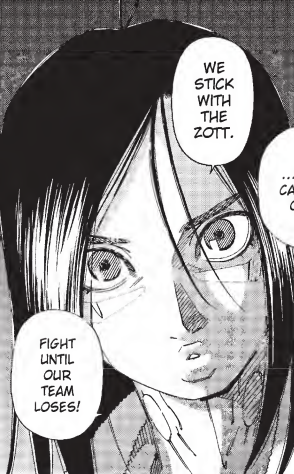


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



CHK

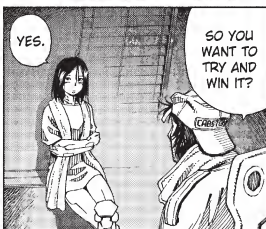




WE
STICK
WITH
THE
ZOTT.

...WOULD
CATCH ON
QUICK.

FIGHT
UNTIL
OUR
TEAM
LOSES!



YES.

SO YOU
WANT TO
TRY AND
WIN IT?

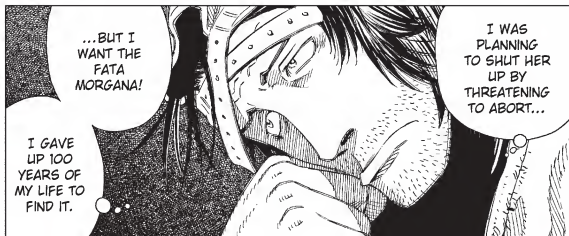


I KNEW
SHE'D
SAY
THAT
SOONER
OR
LATER.

SIGH.



I FIGURED
A SCOUN-
DREL LIKE
YOU...



...BUT I
WANT THE
FATA
MORGANA!

I WAS
PLANNING
TO SHUT HER
UP BY
THREATENING
TO ABORT...

I GAVE
UP 100
YEARS OF
MY LIFE TO
FIND IT.



...WOULD MAKE
OUR CHANCES
OF COMPLETING
OUR MISSION
AND ESCAPING
VANISHINGLY
SMALL.

TRYING
TO STEAL
LOU'S
BRAIN
AND
WIN THE
ZOTT...

IF YOU
WANT MY
OPINION
AS A
PROFES-
SIONAL
THIEF...



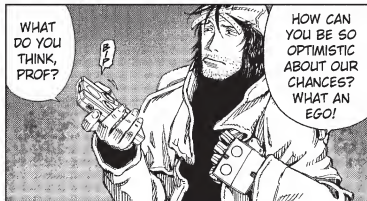
WE JUST
NEED TO WIN
AND STROLL
RIGHT OUT
OF HERE!

WE
WON'T
NEED TO
ESCAPE.

IF YOU
WANT *MY*
OPINION
AS A
PROFES-
SIONAL
*FIGHT-
ER...*



WH-
WHAT'S
THAT
THING?!



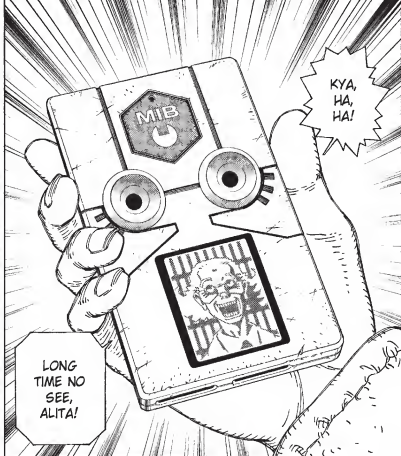
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
PROF?

HOW CAN
YOU BE SO
OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT OUR
CHANCES?
WHAT AN
EGO!



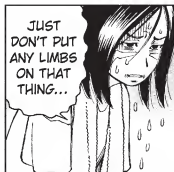
MY
MEMORY
SKIPS AT
THE POINT
WHEN...

...MR.
ROSCOE
KILLED ME,
BUT MR.
PING HAS
FILLED ME
IN.



KYA,
HA,
HA!

LONG
TIME NO
SEE,
ALITA!



JUST
DON'T PUT
ANY LIMBS
ON THAT
THING...



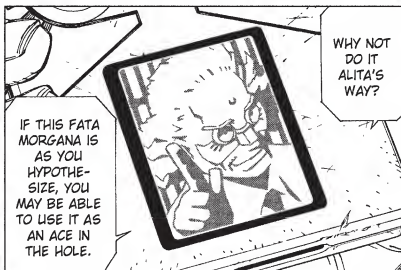
TINY
IS IN!

I'VE
HAD
HELP
ON THE
HACK
JOB.

WE
CALL
IT THE
"PORTA-
NOVA."



NOTHING IS MORE
AMUSING THAN
WATCHING PEOPLE
CROSS A DANGEROUS
BRIDGE! KYA, HA, HA!



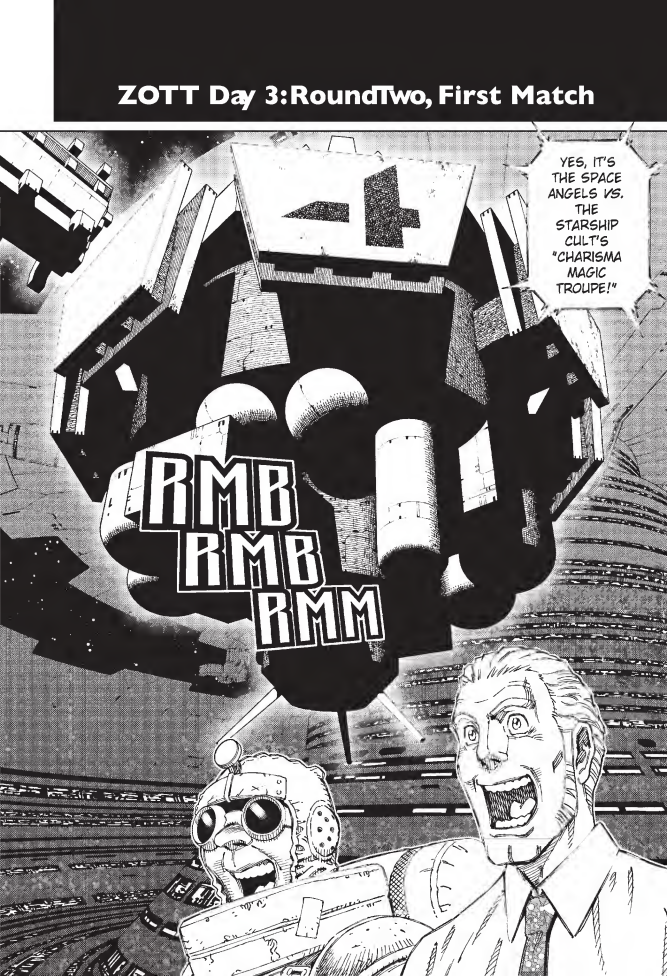
IF THIS FATA
MORGANA IS
AS YOU
HYPOTHE-
SIZE, YOU
MAY BE ABLE
TO USE IT AS
AN ACE IN
THE HOLE.

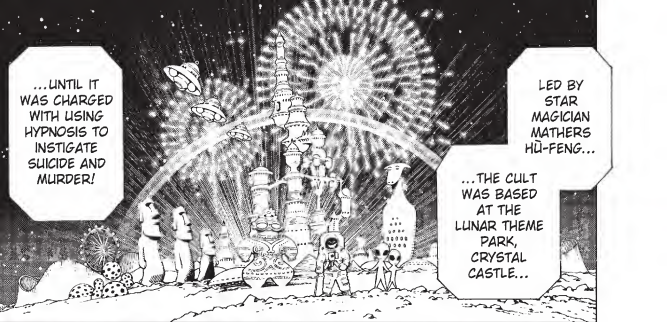
WHY NOT
DO IT
ALITA'S
WAY?

ZOTT Day 3: Round Two, First Match

YES, IT'S
THE SPACE
ANGELS VS.
THE
STARSHIP
CULT'S
"CHARISMA
MAGIC
TROUPE!"

RMB
RMB
RMM





...UNTIL IT
WAS CHARGED
WITH USING
HYPNOSIS TO
INSTIGATE
SUICIDE AND
MURDER!

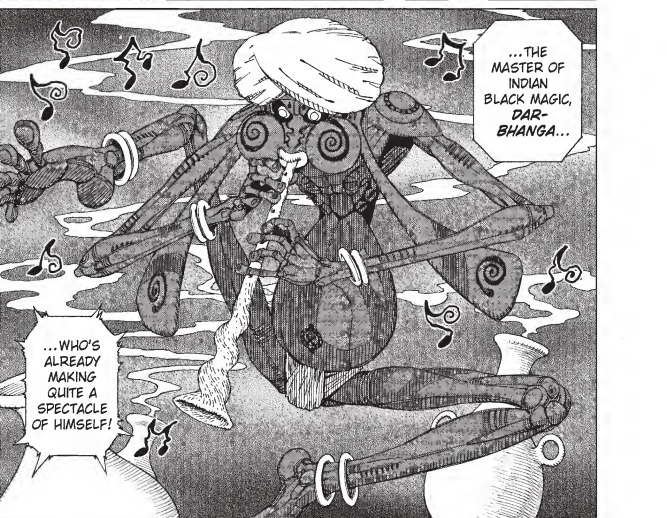
LED BY
STAR
MAGICIAN
MATHERS
HŪ-FENG...

...THE CULT
WAS BASED
AT THE
LUNAR THEME
PARK,
CRYSTAL
CASTLE...



THEIR
ROUND
TWO
SEMPŌ
WILL BE...

BACON,
THE HUMAN
CANNON,
WAS LOST IN
ROUND ONE!

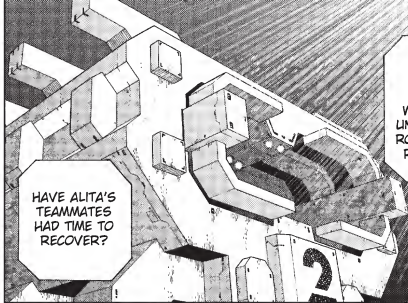


...THE
MASTER OF
INDIAN
BLACK MAGIC,
DAR-
BHANGA...

...WHO'S
ALREADY
MAKING
QUITE A
SPECTACLE
OF HIMSELF!



H-HEY,
YOU OLD
BASTARD!



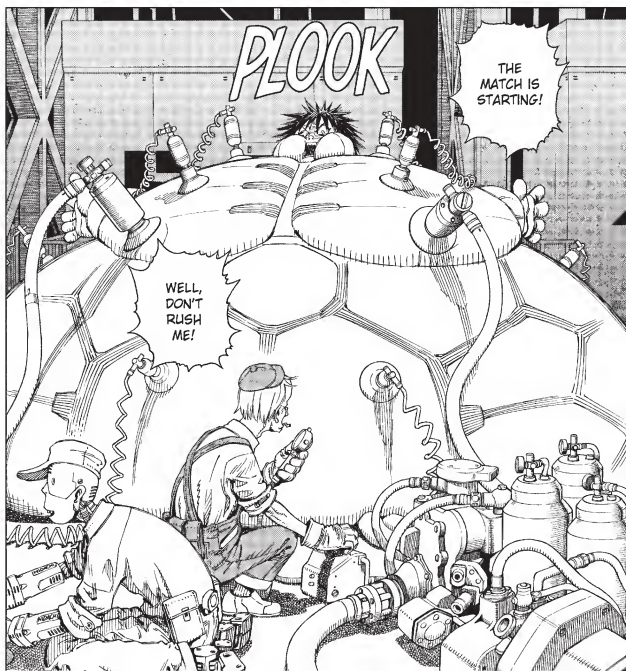
HAVE ALITA'S
TEAMMATES
HAD TIME TO
RECOVER?

OVER TO
THE SPACE
ANGELS,
WHO HAD AN
UNEXPECTEDLY
ROUGH TIME IN
ROUND ONE!

PLOOK

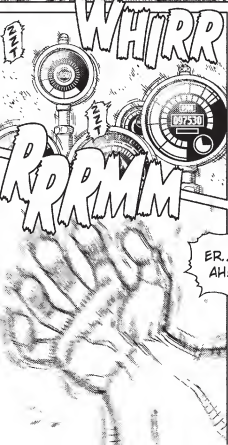
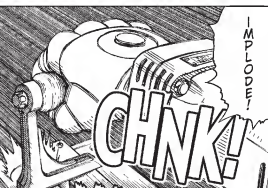
THE
MATCH IS
STARTING!

WELL,
DON'T
RUSH
ME!



YOU'LL WEIGH
TWICE AS MUCH,
BUT YOUR
POWER SHOULD
INCREASE
FIVE-FOLD, AND
SHOCK RESIS-
TANCE SHOULD
IMPROVE
THIRTY-FOLD!

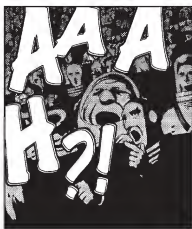
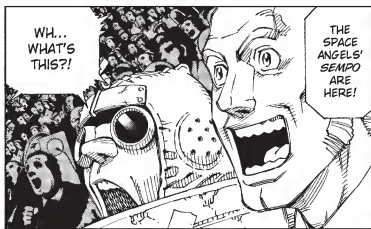
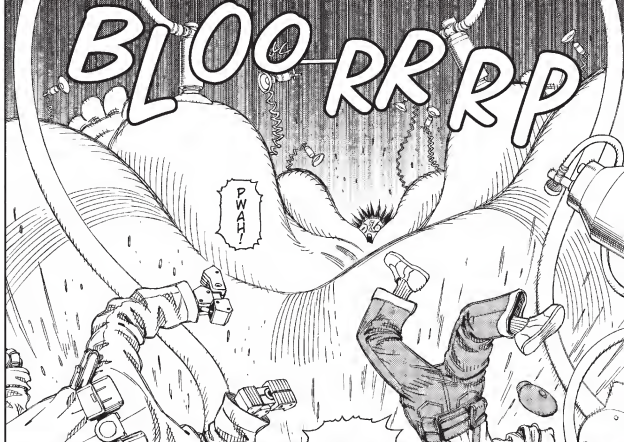
I'VE SWITCHED OUT
THE COLLOIDAL
POLYTEIN SOLUTION
CIRCULATING
THROUGH THE
FIZZIROY BODY
FOR A **SUPER-
HEAVY** TYPE, AND
REINFORCED THE
PUMPS!



ER...
AH!



URK
?!





TWO
ALITAS
?!

WH-WHICH
IS THE
REAL ONE?!
I CAN'T
TELL THEM
APART!

SEE
HOW THE
CROWD
LOVES US?! ♡

OOH

ALITA'S
REP WILL
HELP US
OUTWIT
THEM
ALL!

DON'T THEY
HAVE ANY
PRIDE...?



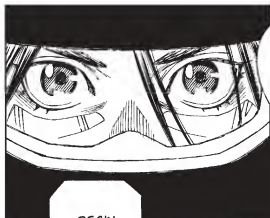
HAFTA
THINK
SULLEN...

This
isn't
easy!

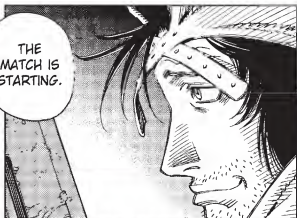
OCTO-
PUS
LIPS...



THEY
SEEM
A BIT...
NICE
FOR
ALITA.

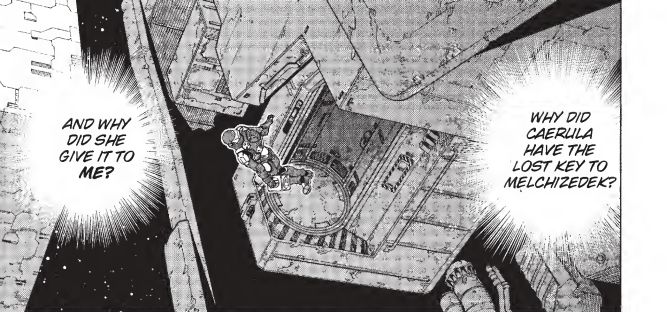


THE
MATCH IS
STARTING.



BEGIN
INFIL-
TRATION
MISSION...





AND WHY
DID SHE
GIVE IT TO
ME?

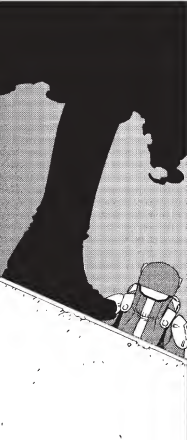
WHY DID
CAERULA
HAVE THE
LOST KEY TO
MELCHIZEDEK?



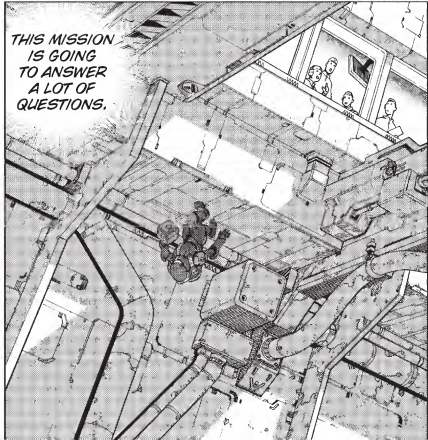
AND WHY WAS
YOKO ALONE
IN KETHERES
200 YEARS
AGO?



WHAT IS
MELCHIZE-
DEK, ANY-
WAY?

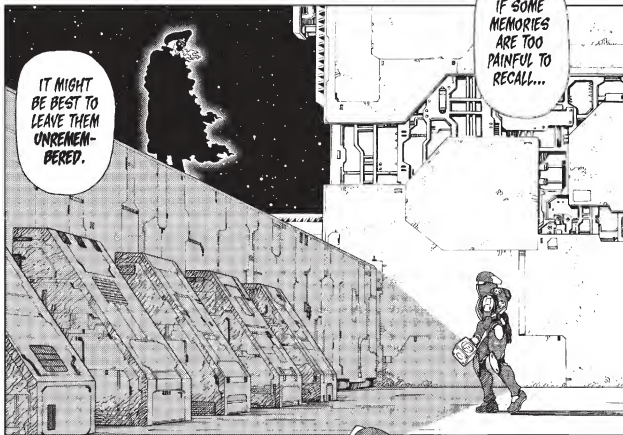


THIS MISSION
IS GOING
TO ANSWER
A LOT OF
QUESTIONS.





YOUR
FEAR!
I CAN
SEE IT.



IT MIGHT
BE BEST
TO LEAVE THEM
UNREMEM-
BERED.

IF SOME
MEMORIES
ARE TOO
PAINFUL TO
RECALL...



DON'T
YOU
AGREE?



...JUST
WANT
TO BE...
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD.

I...



...SOME
YOKO'S...
AND SOME
ALITA'S.

MY
MEMORIES...
ALWAYS
SPLIT IN
TWO...



AND
THEN...

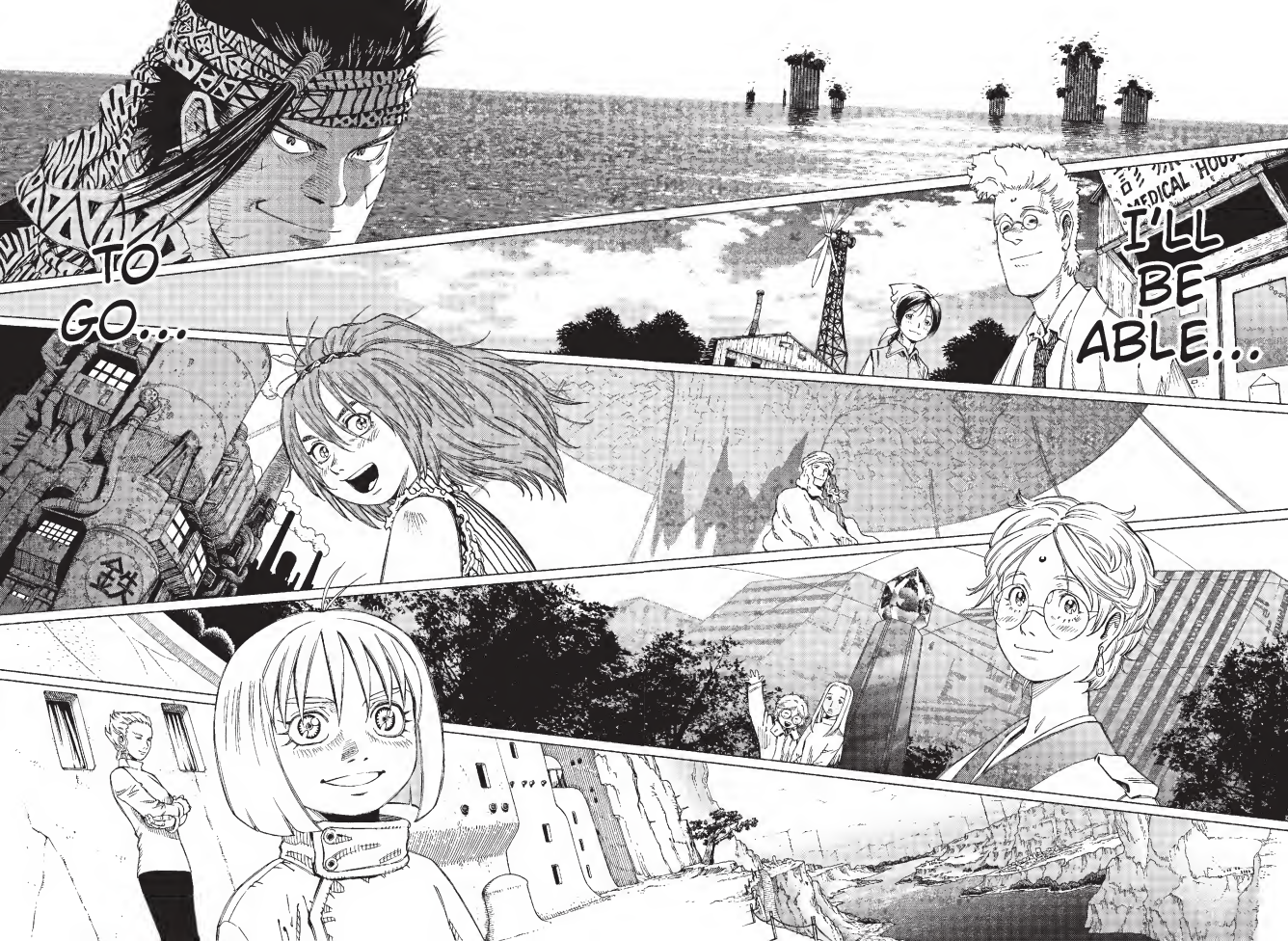
PER-
HAPS...



...I
CAN BE
WHOLE.

WHEN I
FILL THE
200-YEAR
GAP, LINK IT
ALL INTO
ONE...

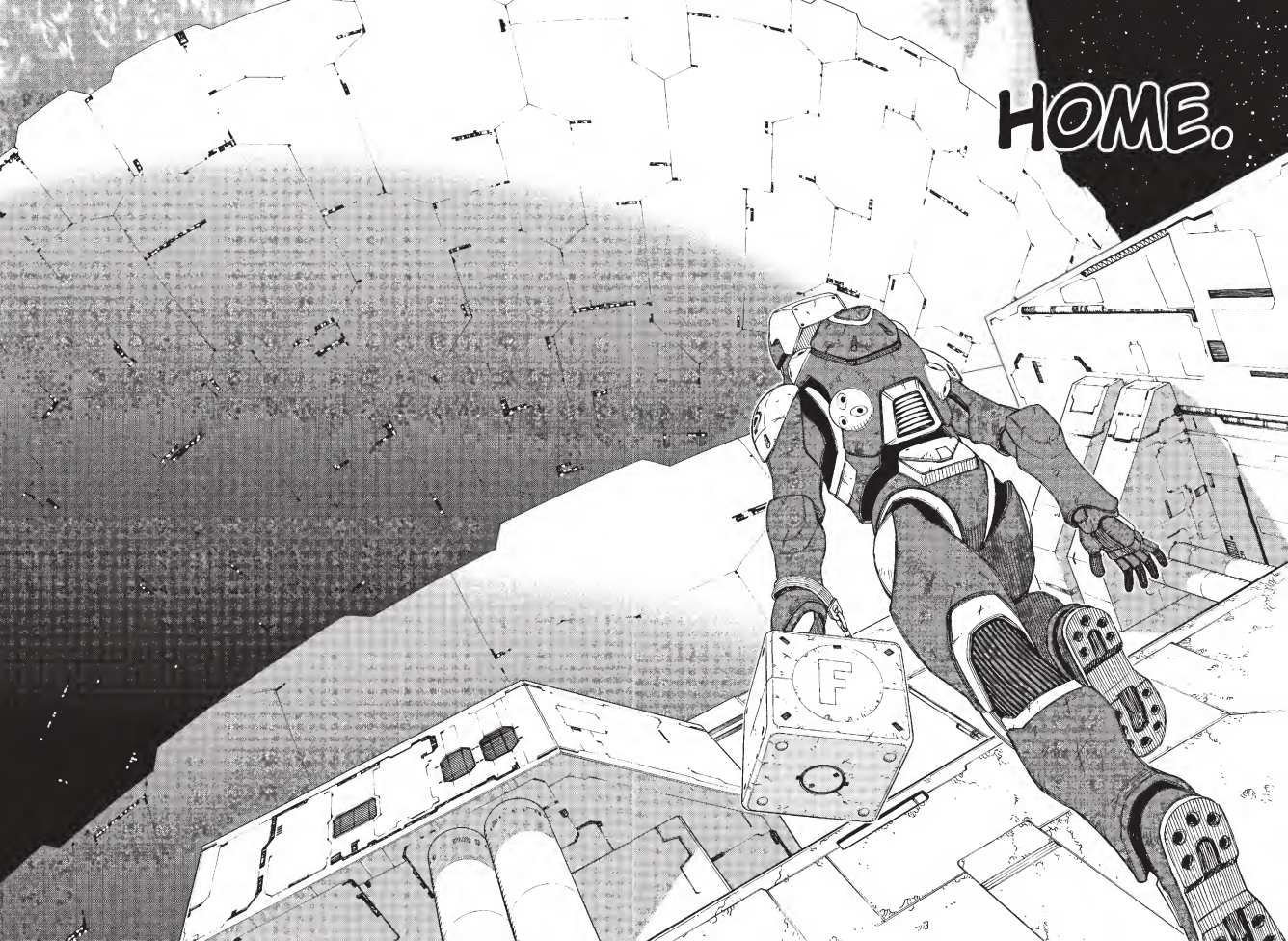
...AT
LAST,
I...

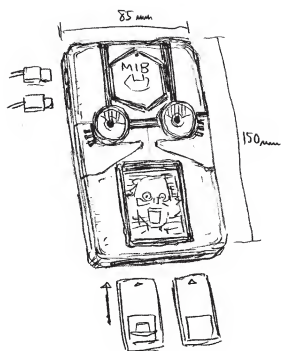


TO
GO...

I'LL
BE
ABLE...

HOME.





SPACE CITY KETHERES

CENTRAL TOWER

Source of the name "Onion Frame." Home to LADDER's assembly room.

HANGAR BAY

Five in all. Alita's team's ship is moored in one of them.

THE ONION FRAME

ZOTT takes place in here.

Physically separate, The Onion Frame and Ketheres are supported by a scalar electromagnetic field. Only secure shuttles travel between them.

Ketheres is one of the jurisdictions of the Orbital Union, but the Onion Frame has extraterritorial rights. LADDER regulates, while NEW ORDER polices.

KETHERES

SPACE HIGH-RISES

Mostly residential. The aquarium Astro Ocean, with its view of Earth, is here.

CENTRAL CORE BLOCK

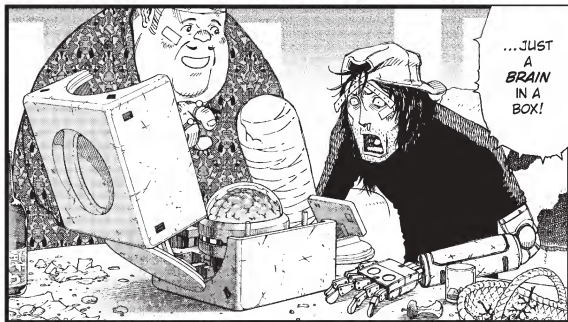
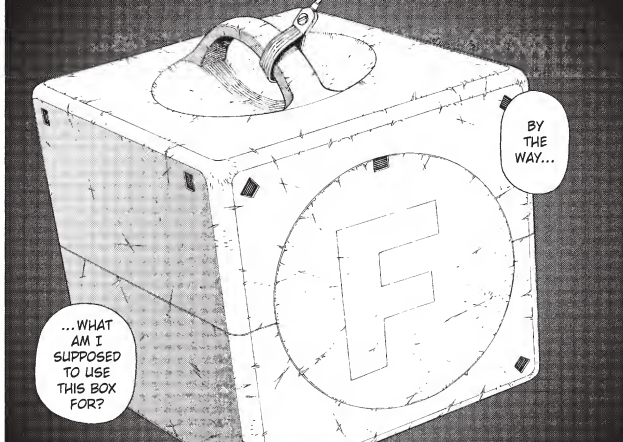
The Incubator is within this area, under the tightest security.

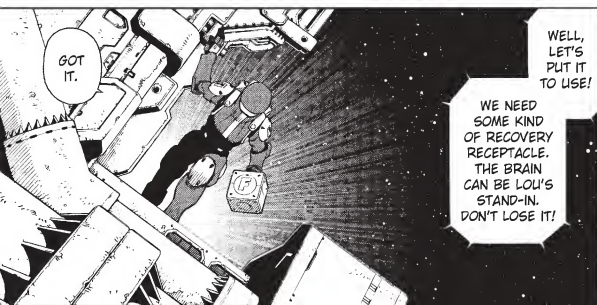
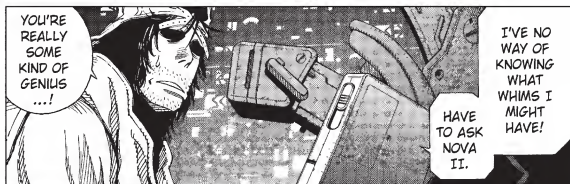
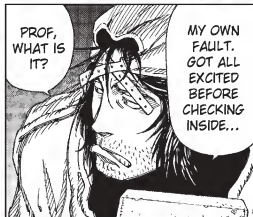
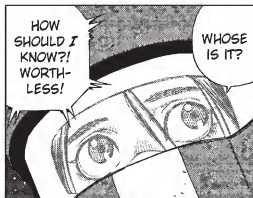
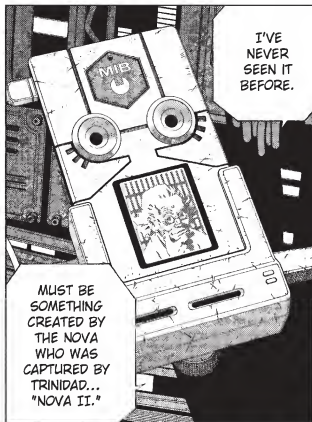
To

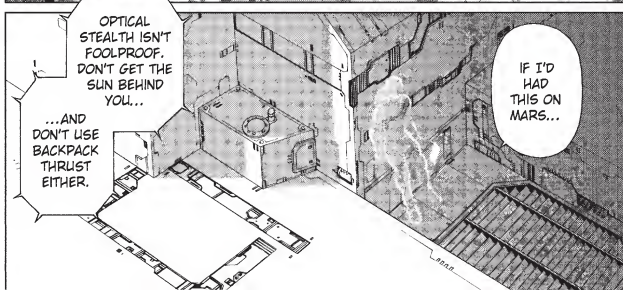
Earth/Tiphares

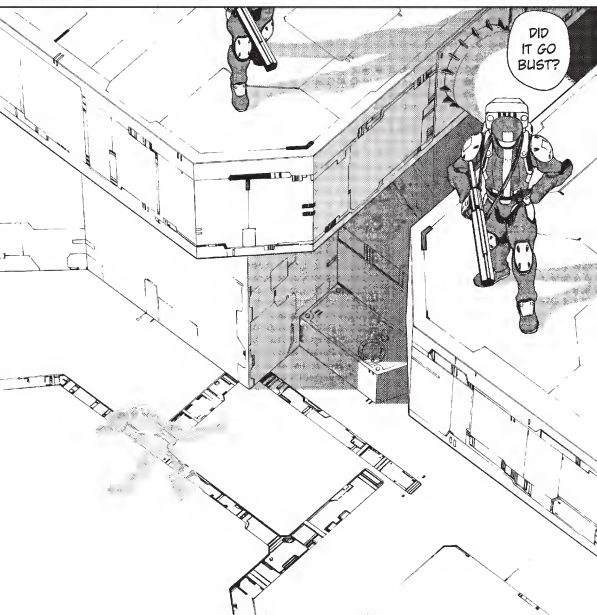
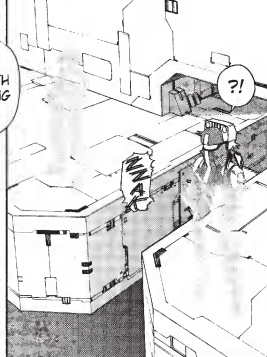
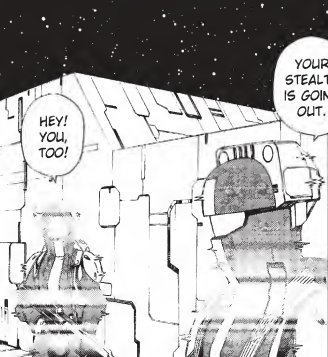
ORBITAL ELEVATOR

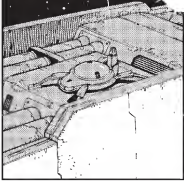
PHASE 36: I Walked Here Before







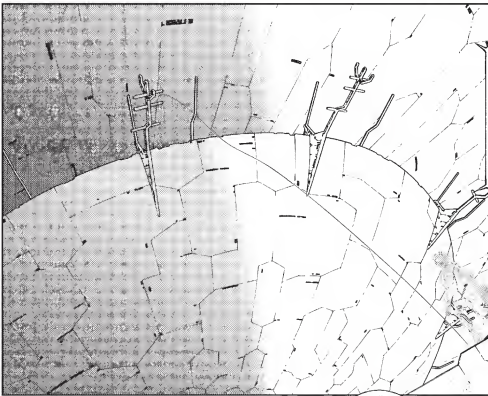




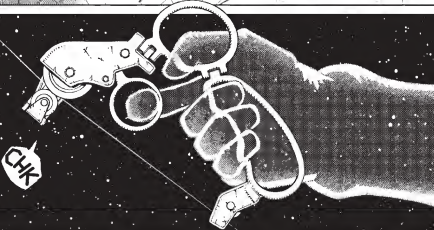
THAT'S
THE
TETHER
ROBOT.



FOLLOW
THE
ARROWS
ON YOUR
SCREEN.



THERE'S
A MONO-
MOLECULAR
WIRE TO
THE ONION
FRAME.
USE YOUR
WINCH.



BE CAREFUL.
IF ANY PART
OF YOUR BODY
GETS MORE
THAN 50
CENTIMETERS
AWAY FROM
THE WIRE,
YOU'LL TOUCH
THE SCALAR
FIELD AND GET
FLUNG OFF.

CHK

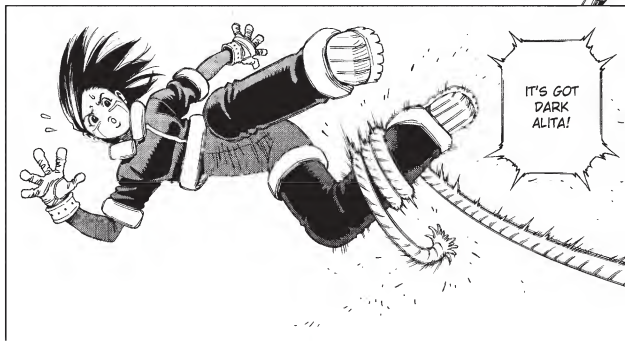




THAT ROPE'S
GOING AFTER
THE ALITAS TO
THE TUNE OF
DARBHANGA'S
STRANGE FLUTE!

BUT KEEP IN
MIND THAT
THE PRE-
MATCH CHECK
CONFIRMED THE
ROPE ISN'T AN
AUTONOMOUS
ROBOT!

ZOTT Round Two
Space Angels vs. the
Starship Cult



IT'S GOT
DARK
ALITA!

S-SINCE
WHEN DID
BLACK
CLOUDS
APPEAR
OVERHEAD?!

WAIT!
HOW HIGH
IS THAT
ROPE GOING
TO GO?!

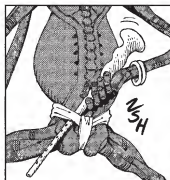
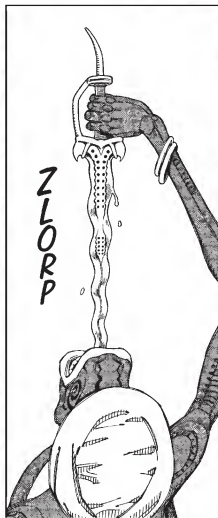
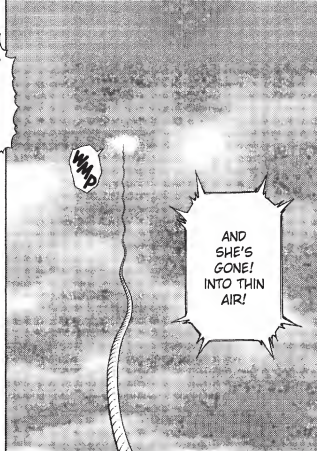
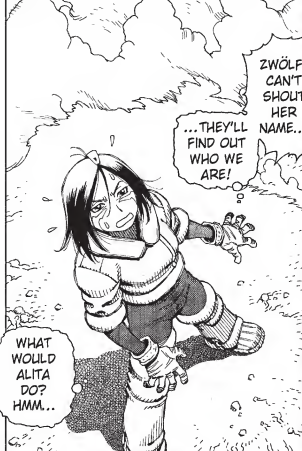
AND IT'S
UP, UP INTO
THE AIR
WITH DARK
ALITA!

SWIP
SWIP
SWIP

SWIP
SWIP
SWIP

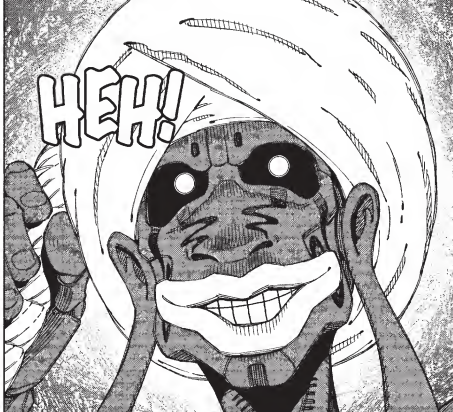
Y-SK-Y

SSSS
SH





BRRR



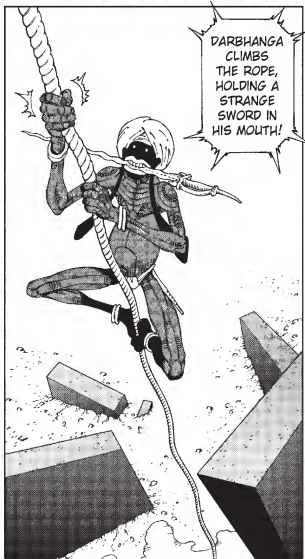
HEH!



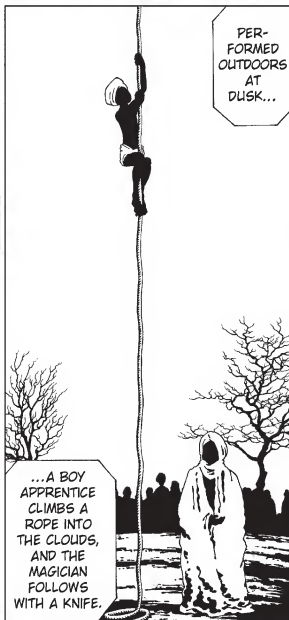
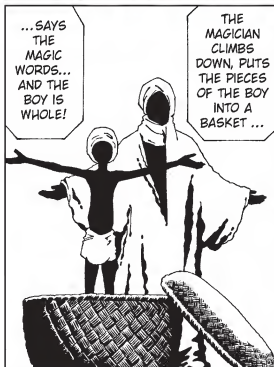
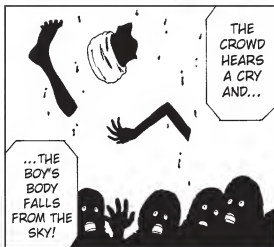
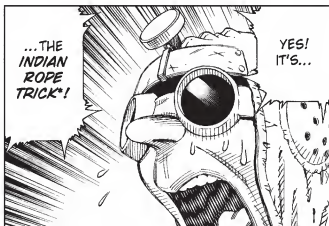
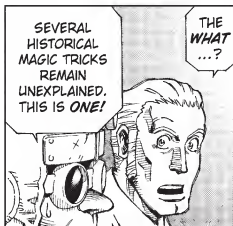
THIS IS
LIKE JACK
AND THE
BEAN-
STALK!

WHITE
ALITA
GOES
AFTER
HIM!

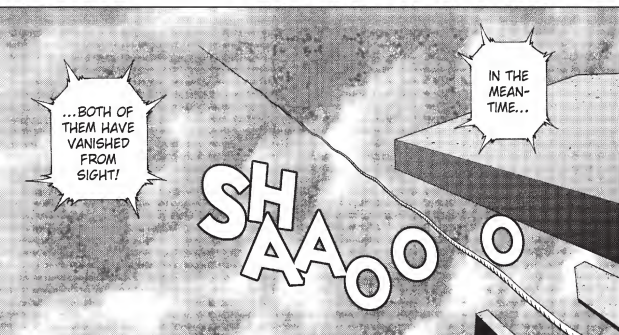
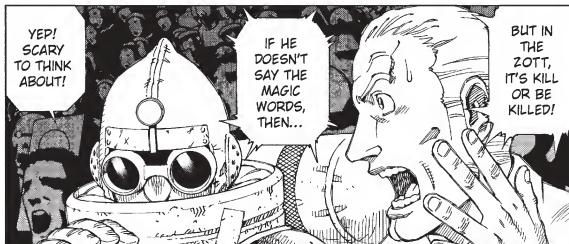
WM
FM
WM

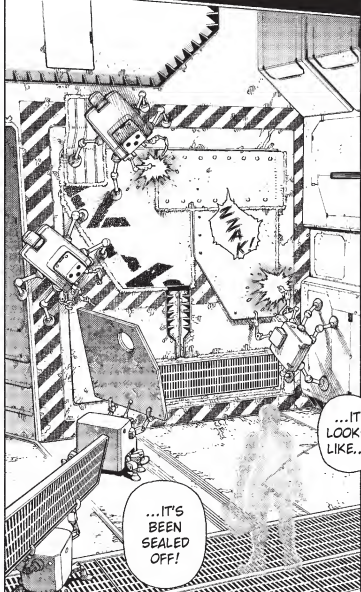


DARBHANGA
CLIMBS
THE ROPE,
HOLDING A
STRANGE
SWORD IN
HIS MOUTH!



**Indian rope trick: An Indian trick passed down from ancient times. First described by Ibn Battuta, the Arabian traveler, in 1346. More recently, it was performed in London in 1934.*



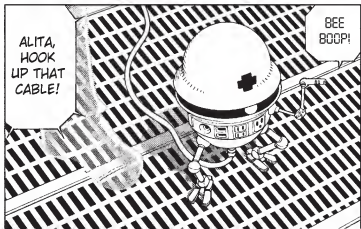


...IT LOOKS LIKE...

...IT'S BEEN SEALED OFF!

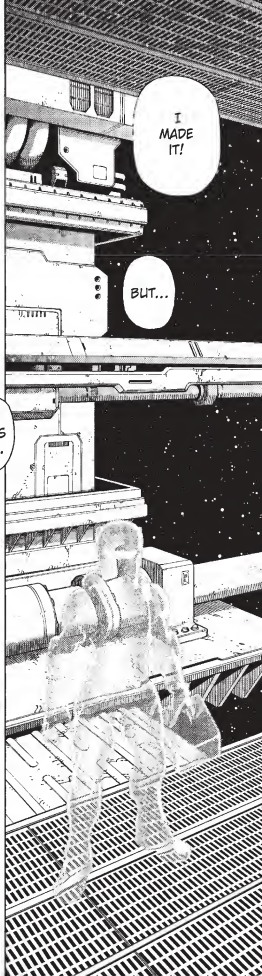


SAY WHAT?!



ALITA, HOOK UP THAT CABLE!

BEE BOOP!



I MADE IT!

BUT...

THERE
IS NO
LONGER A
HOME FOR
YOU IN
ROBO-
ASYL!

NAM NAM
NAM

PING WU,
WHY DID
YOU
COME
BACK?

I WON'T
CAUSE YOU
GUYS ANY
TROUBLE.
WILL YOU
LET US
PASS?

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
BUSINESS IN
ROBO-ASYL.
I JUST WANT
TO GET INTO
KETHERES.

I'M
YOUR
FRIEND,
AFTER
ALL!
RIGHT?

COME
ON...
DON'T
BE SO
COLD.

...BUT
NO
MORE!

ONCE,
YES...

NAM
NAM

NAM
NAM

DENIED!

YOUR ACTIONS
MAY WELL
DISRUPT THE
FUNCTION OF
KETHERES.



OUR ONLY
OPTIONS ARE
THE FRONT
ENTRANCE
AND THE
WASTE
DISPOSAL
CHUTE.

SLRP

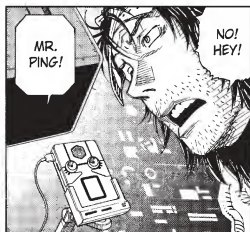
DAMN
IT.

IF WE
CAN'T USE
THE 'BOT
ENTRANCE,
OUR PLANS
ARE
RUINED.

...

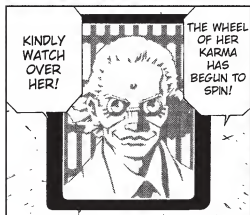
HEY!
ALITA!
WHAT'S
UP?

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?!



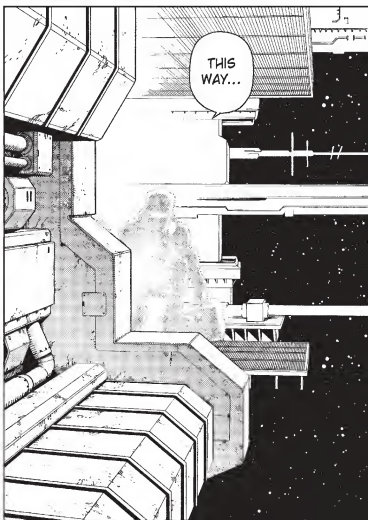
MR.
PING!

NO!
HEY!

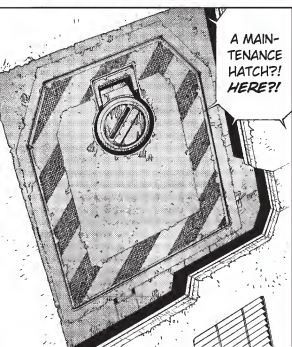
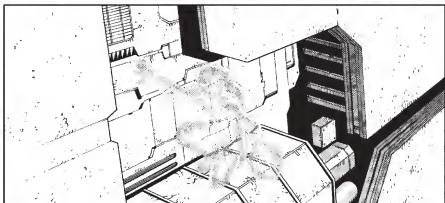
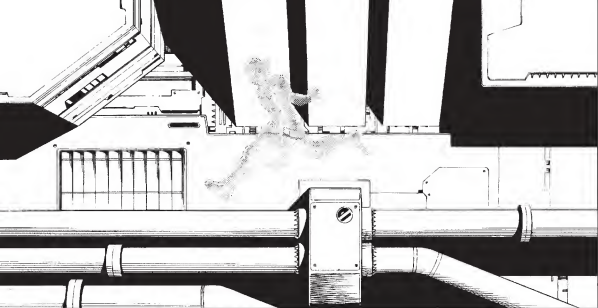


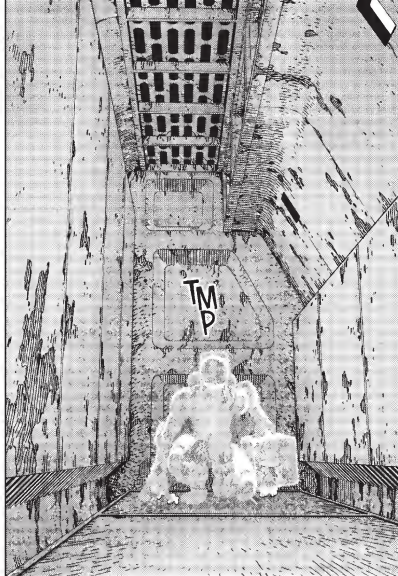
KINDLY
WATCH
OVER
HER!

THE WHEEL
OF HER
KARMA
HAS
BEGUN TO
SPIN!



THIS
WAY...





NEVER
IMAGINED
THERE'D BE
A SECRET
ACCESS
POINT
HERE.

...UN-
BE-
LIEV-
ABLE.

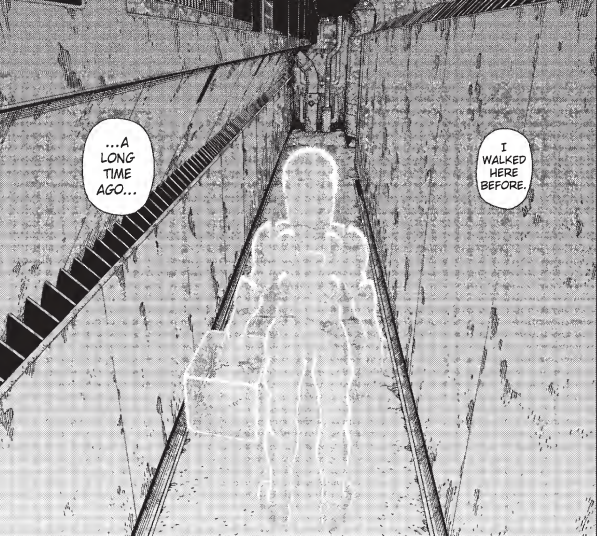
THERE'S
AIR.
ACTIVATE
YOUR
SOUND
STEALTH.



...

HOW'D
YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
IT?

THIS IS AN
OLD AREA,
FROM
BEFORE THE
BIG REPAIR
JOB. IT'S
NOT ON ANY
MAPS.



...A
LONG
TIME
AGO...

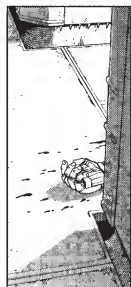
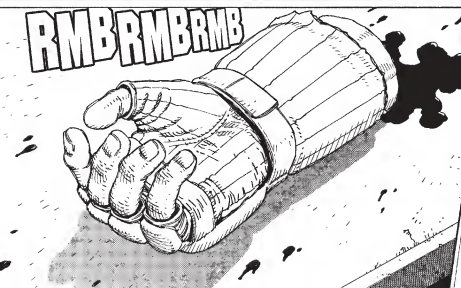
I
WALKED
HERE
BEFORE.



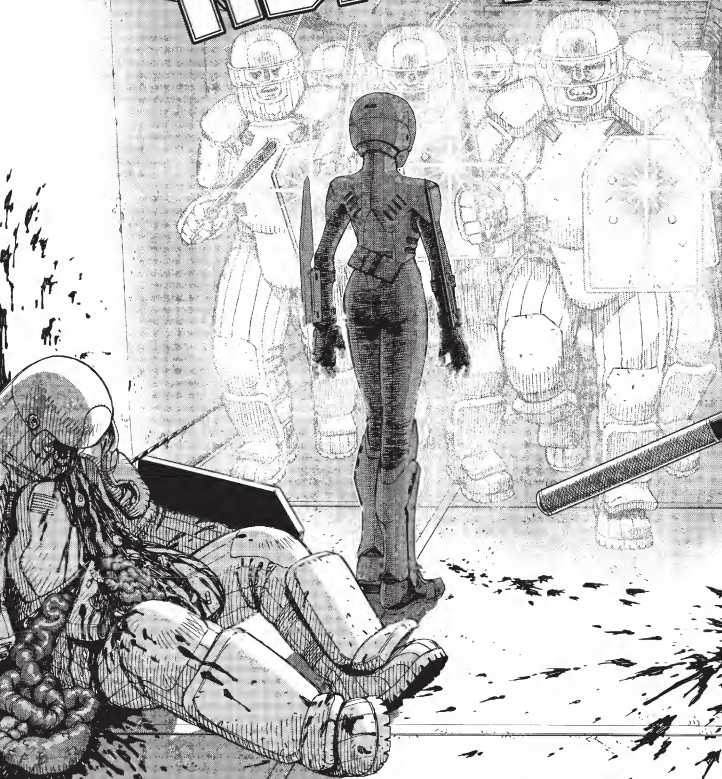
NOW,
AROUND
THIS
CORNER
AND...

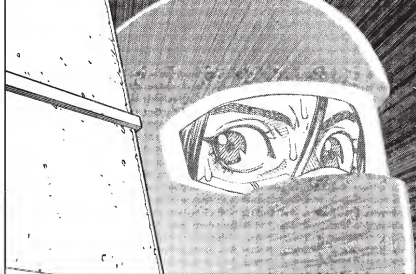


HUH
?



RM RM RM RM RM
RB RB RB RB RB





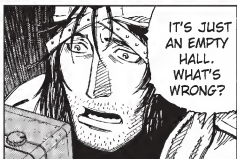
SEE
WHAT
?!

PING,
CAN
YOU SEE
THIS?!



ALITA'S
MEMORY
IS MOST
LIKELY
FLASHING
BACK!

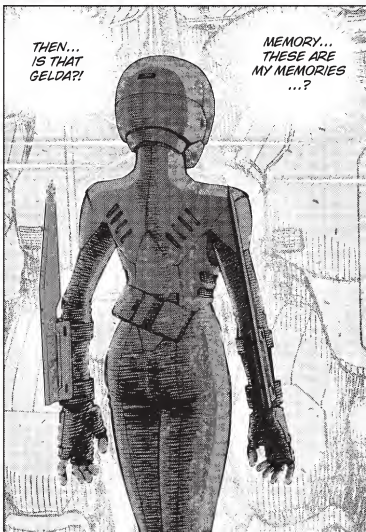
CALM
DOWN,
MR.
PING!



IT'S JUST
AN EMPTY
HALL.
WHAT'S
WRONG?

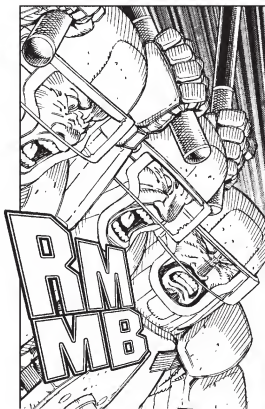


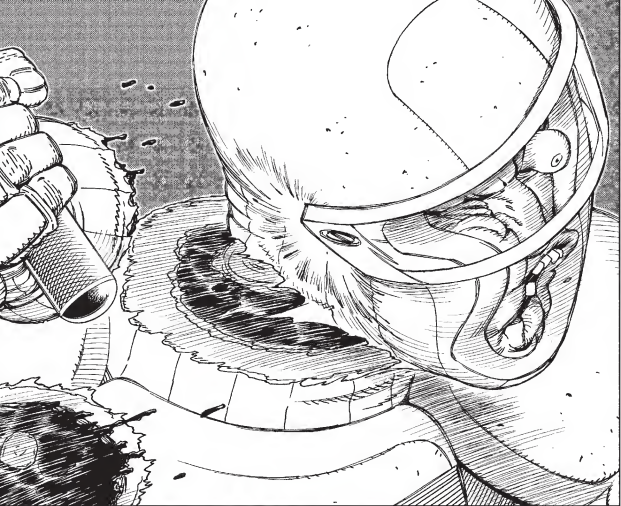
NO...
WRONG
BODY.

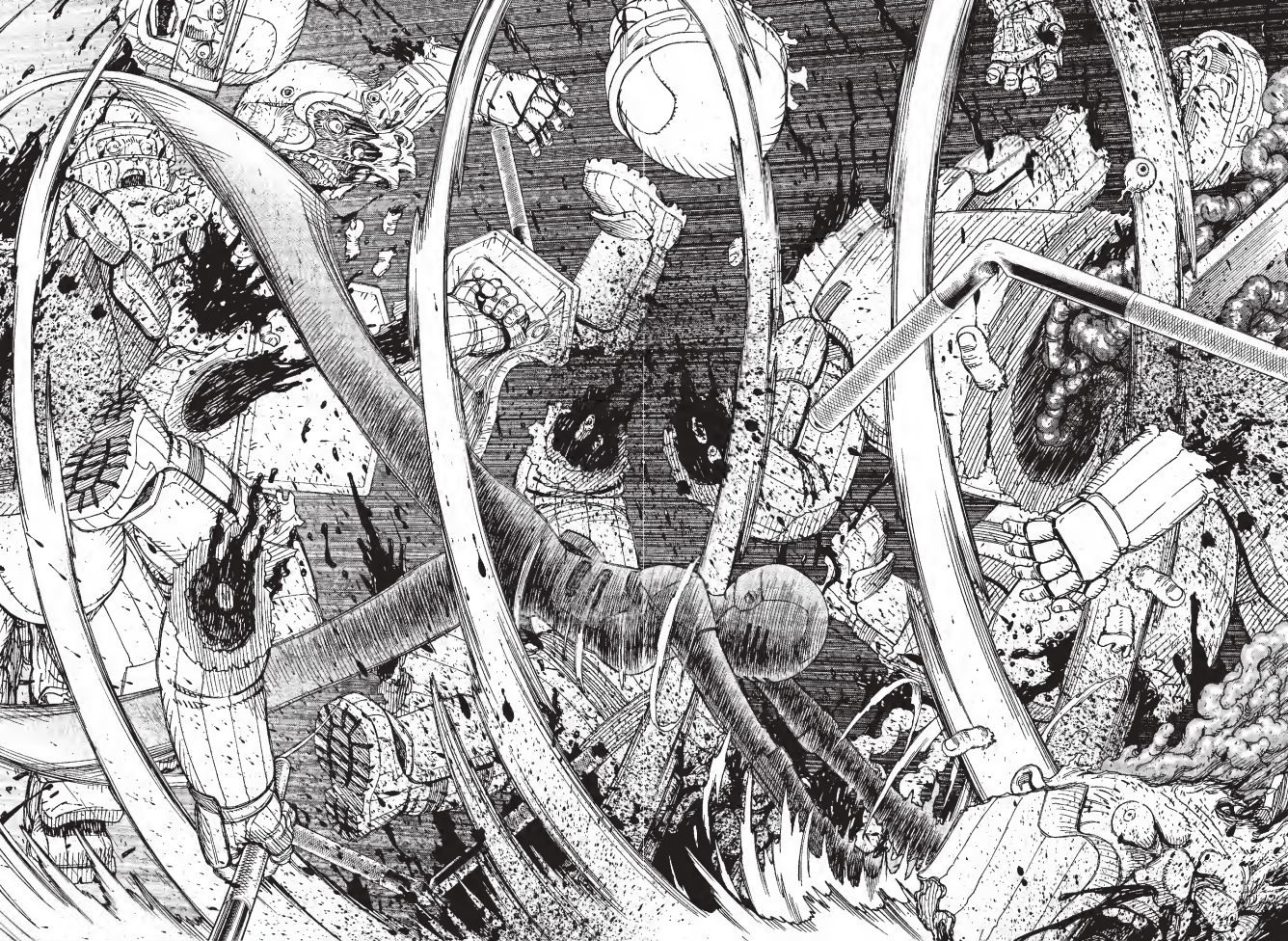


THEN...
IS THAT
GELDA?!

MEMORY...
THESE ARE
MY MEMORIES
...?



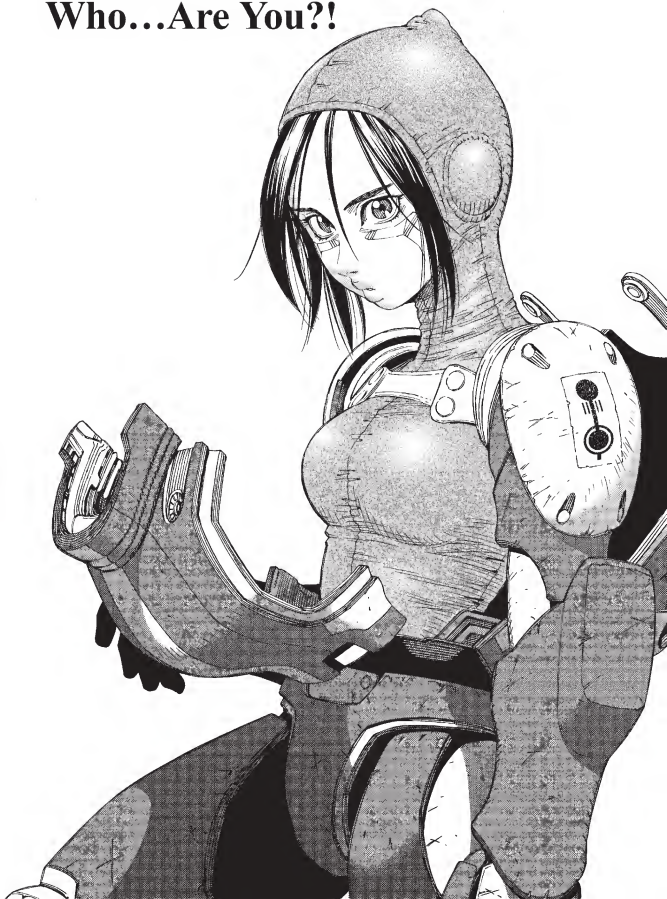


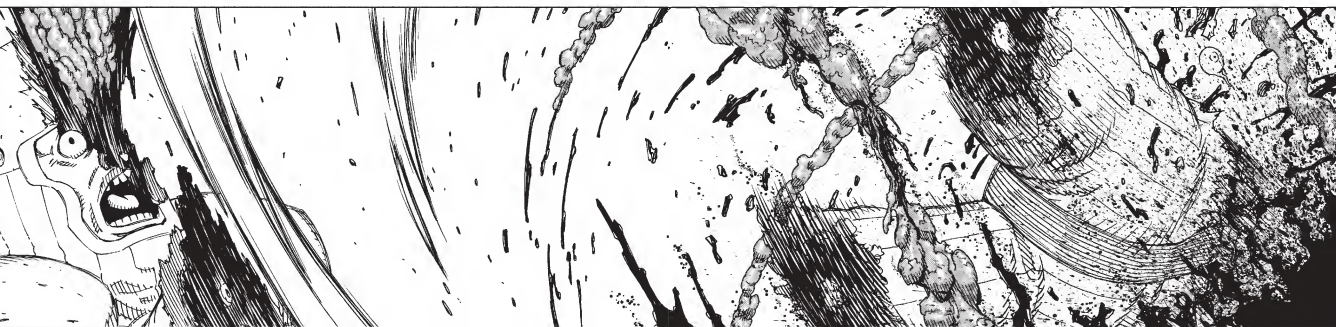
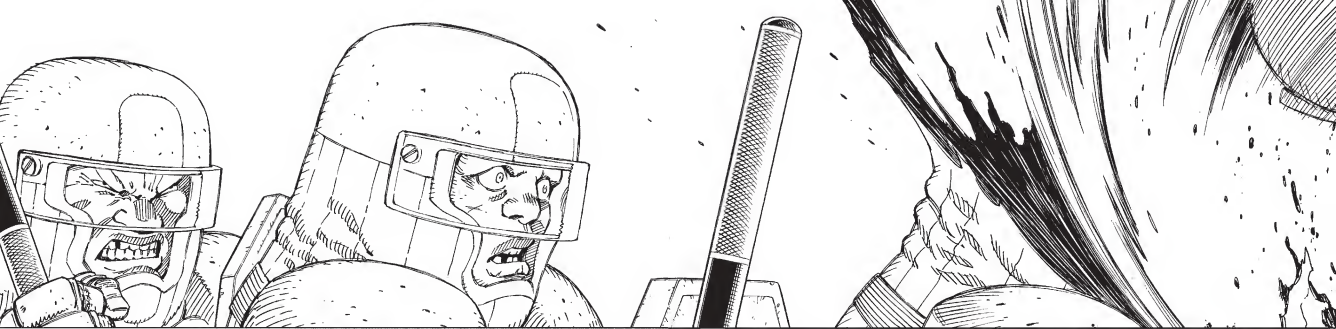


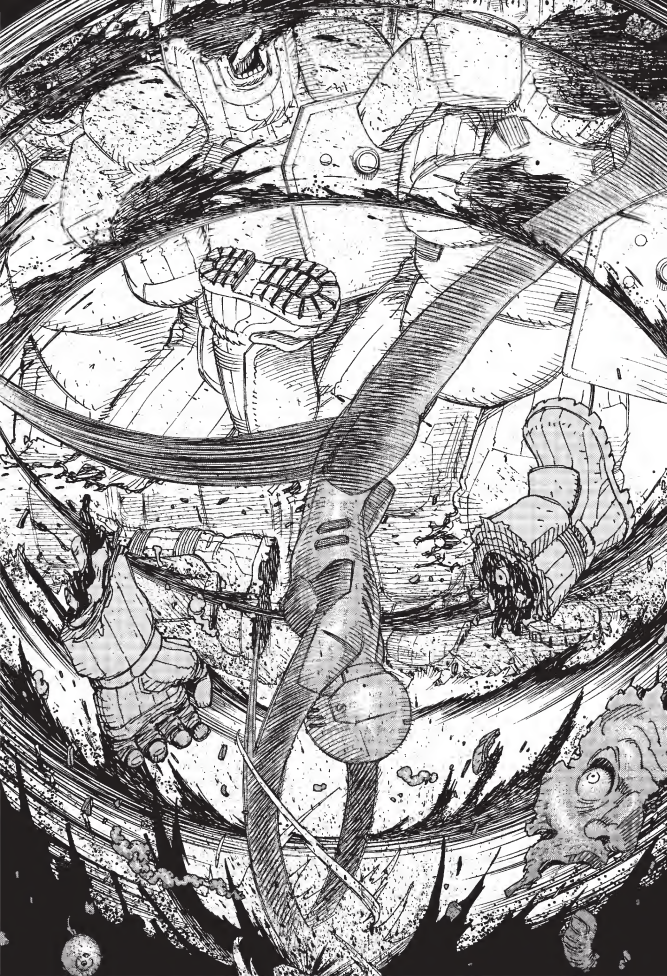


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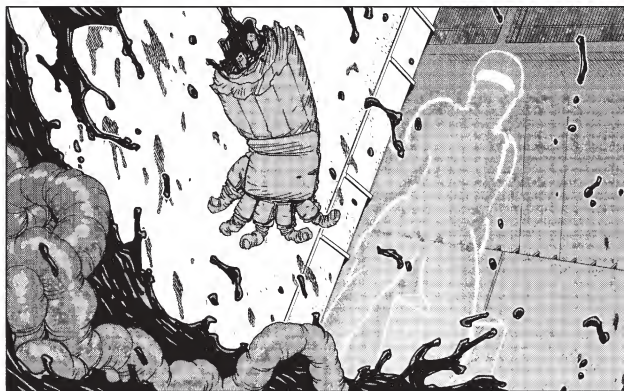
Who...Are You?!



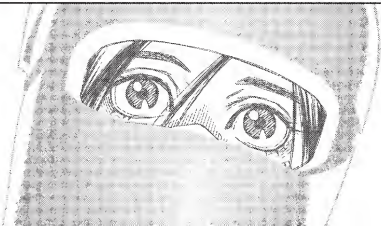


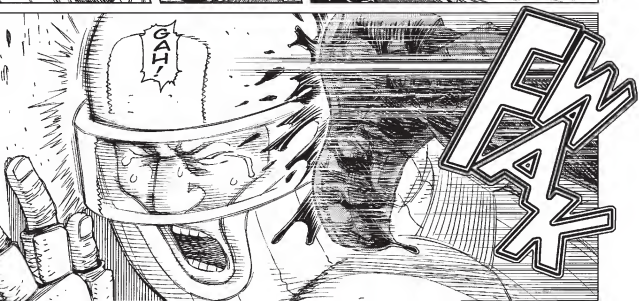


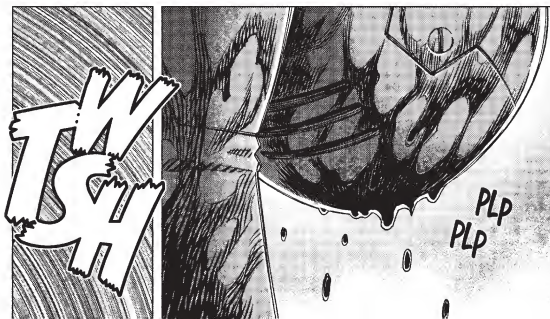
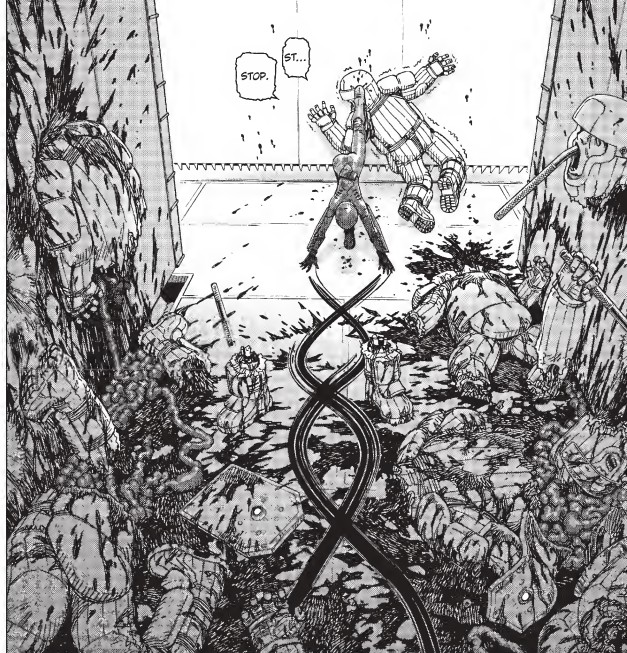




IT'S...
ARTISTRY!









**SPL
UK!**



PLAP



PLEASE!

**SK
RR
RS
H**

PURE...
UNADULTER-
ATED...

IT'S
PERFECT.



SIMPLE...

PLP

PLP

MERCI-
LESS...

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THIS IS
IT...

AND
BEAUTI-
FUL...

PLOP

PLOP

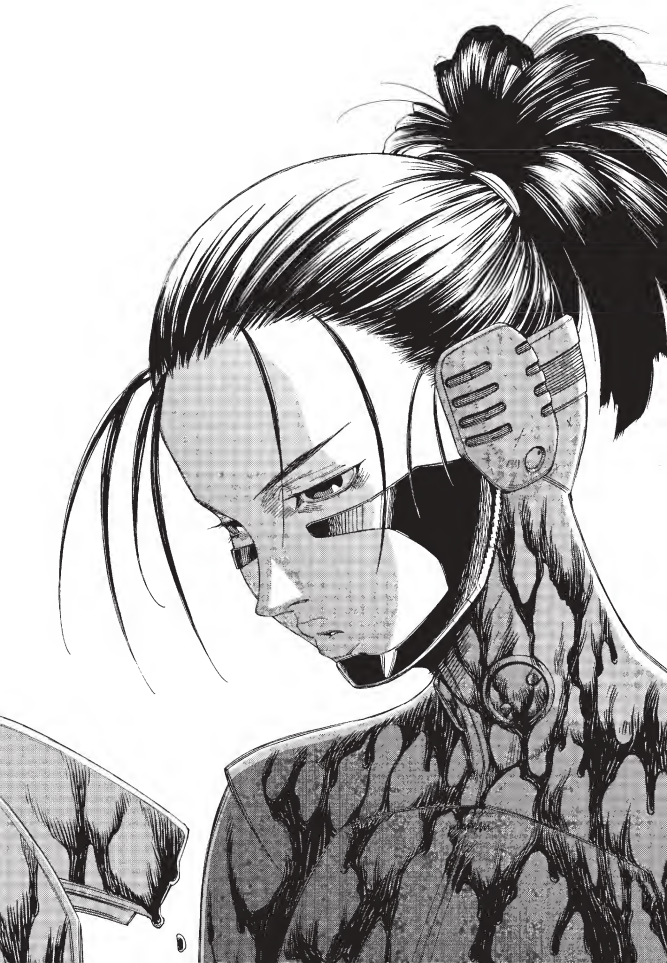
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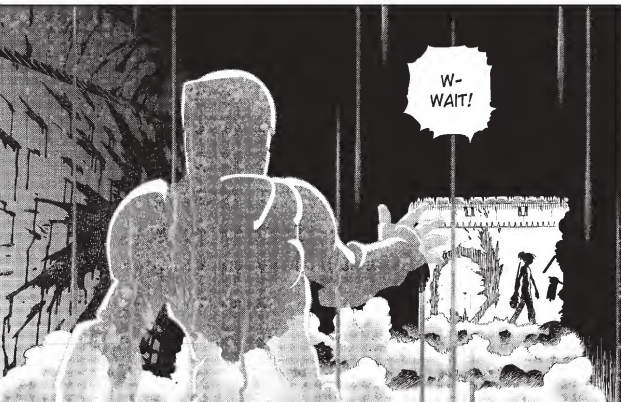
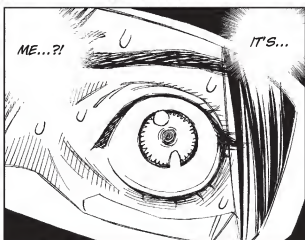
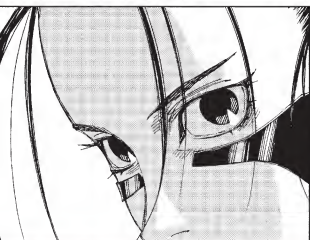
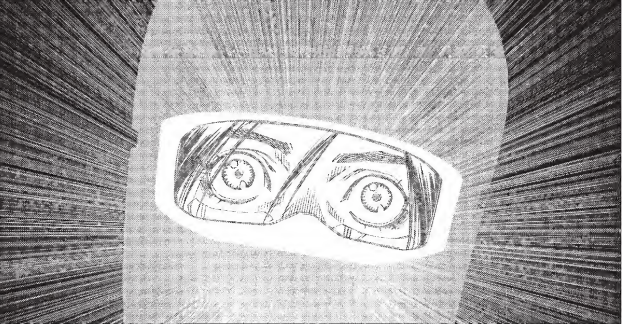
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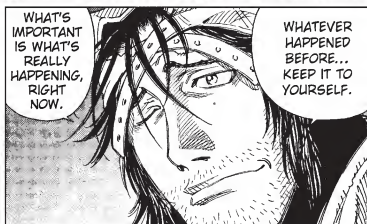
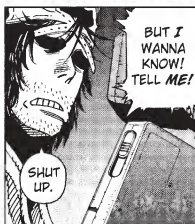
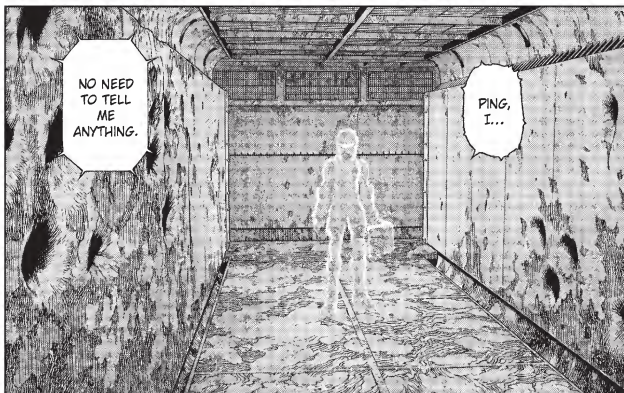
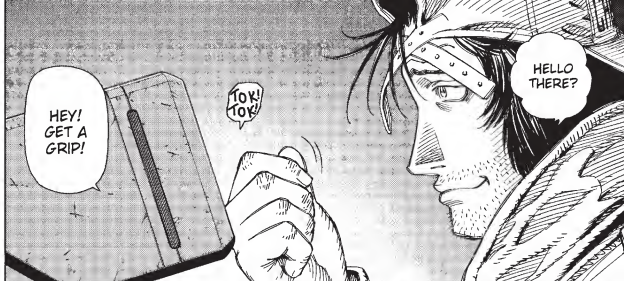
**TRUE
PANZER
KUNST.**

**P
S
H**





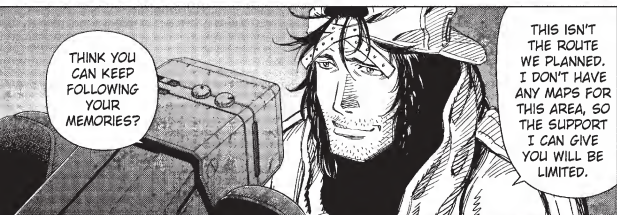






THANK
YOU.

OKAY...

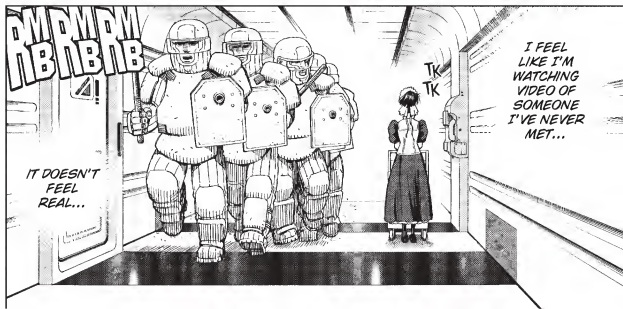
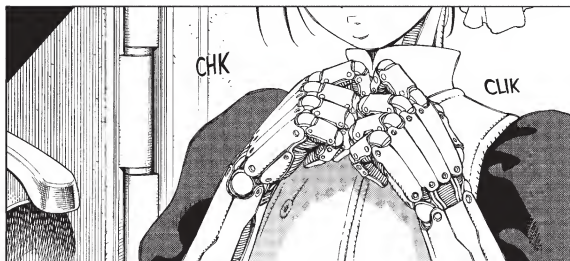


THINK YOU
CAN KEEP
YOUR
MEMORIES?

THIS ISN'T
THE ROUTE
WE PLANNED.
I DON'T HAVE
ANY MAPS FOR
THIS AREA, SO
THE SUPPORT
I CAN GIVE
YOU WILL BE
LIMITED.



I'LL
TRY.



YOKO...

YOKO...

WHAT
BELIEF LED
YOU HERE?



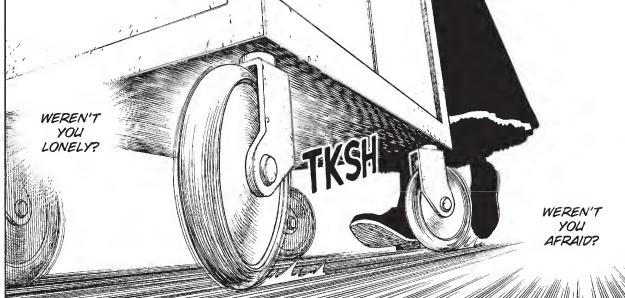
WHAT DID
THE BLOOD
SMELL
LIKE?

HOW DID
IT FEEL TO
TEAR THAT
FLESH?

WHEN YOU
KILLED THAT
MAN WHO WAS
BEGGING FOR
HIS LIFE?

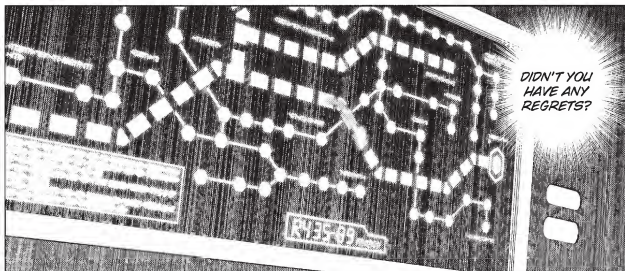
DID YOU
SHUD-
DER WITH
JOY...



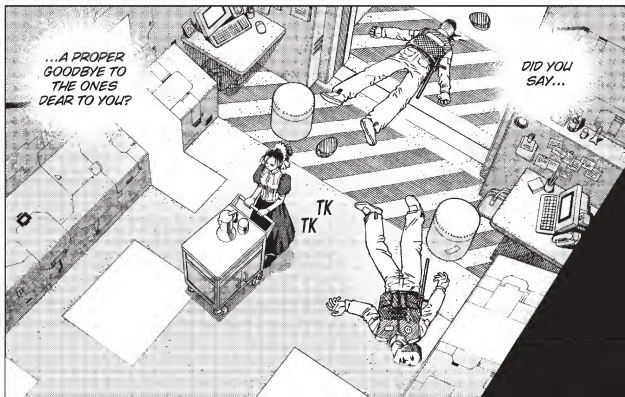


WEREN'T
YOU
LONELY?

WEREN'T
YOU
AFRAID?



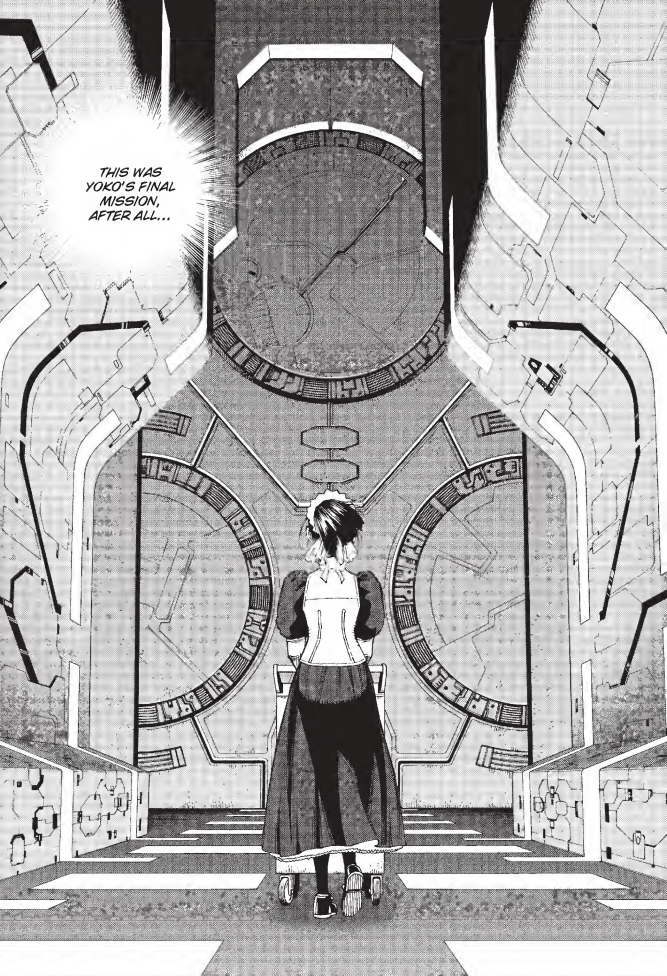
DIDN'T YOU
HAVE ANY
REGRETS?



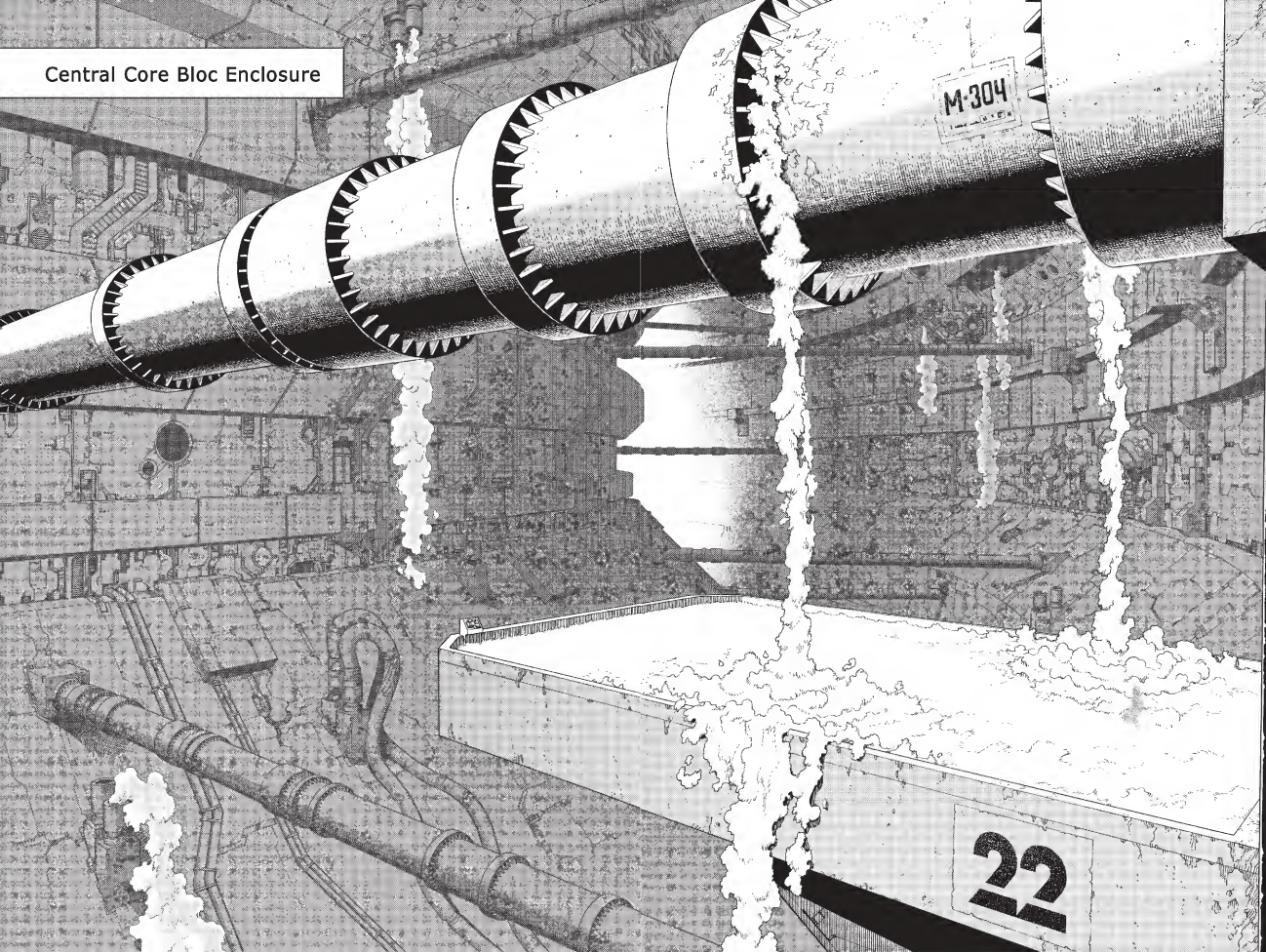
....A PROPER
GOODBYE TO
THE ONES
DEAR TO YOU?

DID YOU
SAY...

THIS WAS
YOKO'S FINAL
MISSION,
AFTER ALL...

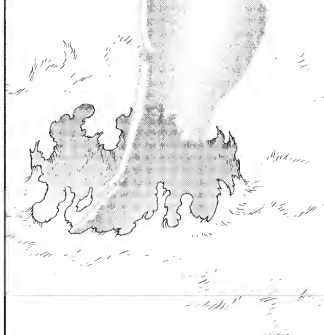


Central Core Bloc Enclosure



M-304

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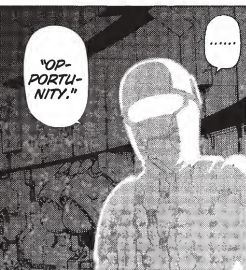


NO, IT
WAS
DEFI-
NITELY
REAL!

SOUNDS
LIKE A
PASS-
WORD...
?

PING,
WAS
THAT
VOICE
REAL?

OR
HAVE
I LOST
IT?



"OP-
PORTU-
NITY."



STEALTH
GUARDS...?
MAYBE THEY'RE
OFFLINE. I
CAN'T PINPOINT
THEIR LOCA-
TION!

TRY TO
TALK
YOUR
WAY
OUT!

AT LEAST
THEY CAN'T
REPORT
US RIGHT
AWAY...



GEWEHR.
(GUN)



SCHWERT.
(SWORD)

SCHEIDE,
(SCAB-
BARD)

THAT
WAS... THE
PANZER
KLINST
CODE....!



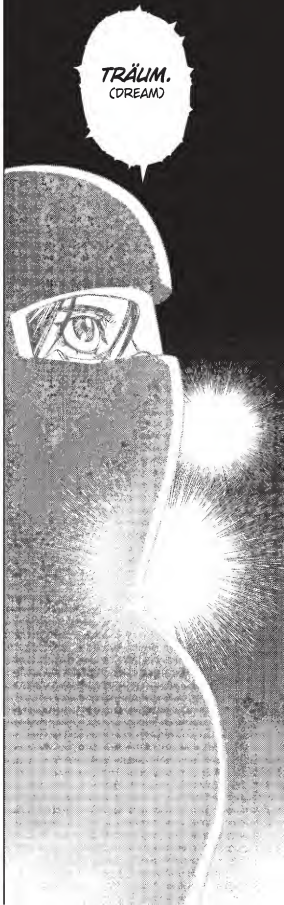
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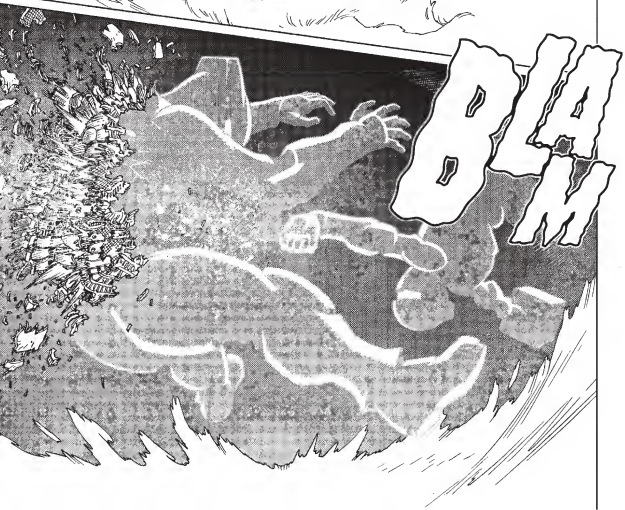


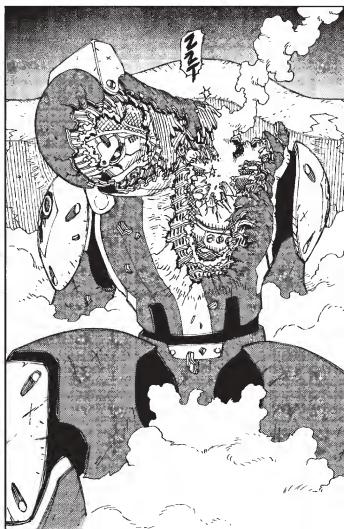
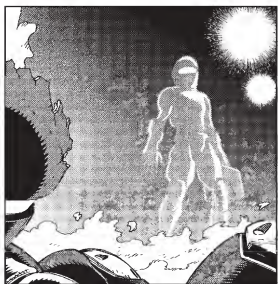
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EK



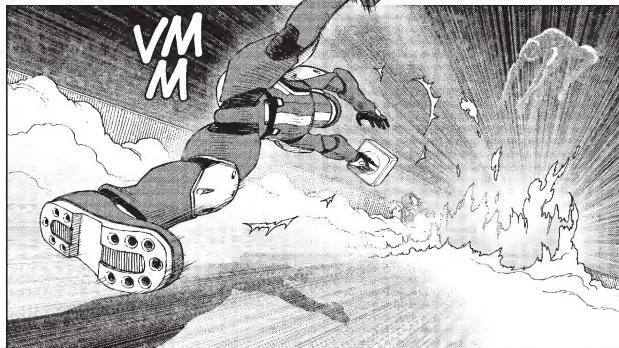
TRÄUM.
(DREAM)

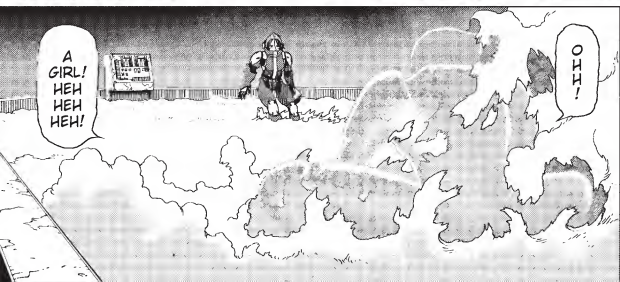








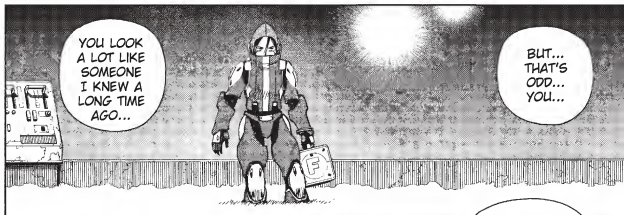






YOU'RE
THE KID
WHO BEAT
CAERULA IN
ROUND 1 OF
THE ZOTT...
ALITA, WAS
IT?

THAT PAN-
ZER KUNST
IS THE REAL
DEAL... WHO
TAUGHT
YOU?



YOU LOOK
A LOT LIKE
SOMEONE
I KNEW A
LONG TIME
AGO...

BUT...
THAT'S
ODD...
YOU...



HEH
HEH
HEH!

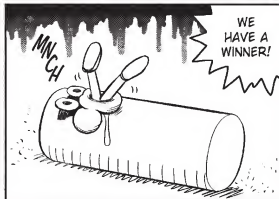
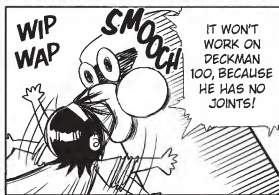
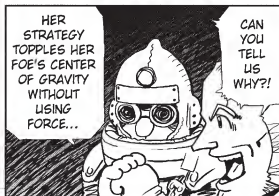
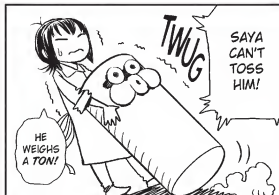
A WOMAN THEY
CALLED THE MOST
EVIL FELON IN THE
HISTORY OF
PANZER KUNST!

WHO...
ARE
YOU
?!

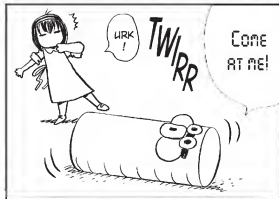
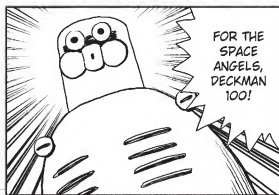


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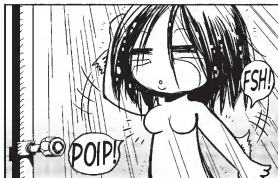
The Match That Never Happened!
Part 2



The Match That Never Happened!
Part 1



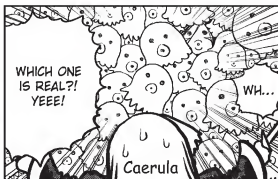
The Law of... Conservation of Mass!



REPORTER JACK GERAMBO'S BODY WAS FOUND EARLY THIS MORNING...



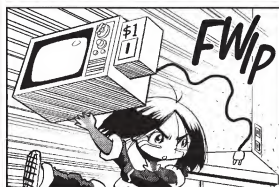
Caerula vs. Alita



OCTOPI ARE AGAINST THE RULES.

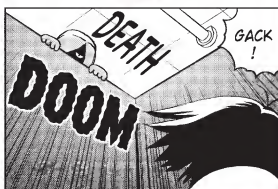
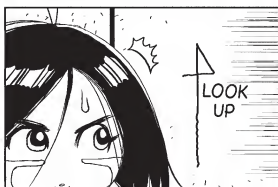
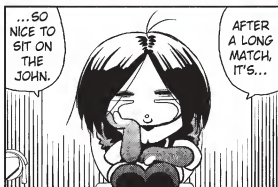


The Last Battle



YOUR DEATH GATE IS DEFEATED! GAH!

Toilet Ghost Tales



THAT'S YOUR DEATH GATE! GAH!

Name Reference

When *Battle Angel Alita* was first published in the United States, its translators decided to change many of the names of characters and places to make them more accessible to American readers. We at Kodansha have chosen to keep most of those changes, but we will provide the original names as well in this section.

Battle Angel Alita, Alita:

The Japanese title of the original *Alita* series is *Gunnmu* (which Kishiro spells *Gunnm*), a unique portmanteau of “gun” and the Japanese word for “dream.” The protagonist’s name in the original Japanese is Garii, which can be spelled “Gally” in English. When the original *Gunnm* was first localized in English in 1995, Viz Media decided to change the name of the main character to Alita, and the series to *Battle Angel Alita*. The original title of this series is *Gunnm: Last Order*. Alita’s other name, Yoko, is a common Japanese name meaning “sun child” (or “yang child”) that happens to be written the same way as the word for proton.



The logo from the Kodansha Japan edition, upon which this volume is based.

Tiphares, Ketheres:

The city in space and the city in the sky, linked by the orbital elevator, were renamed Ketheres and Tiphares for the first American release. These names were references to the Jewish mystical tradition known as Kabbalah. The original Japanese names were Yeeru and Zaaremu, or Jeru and Salem, an obvious reference to the historic Earthbound city.

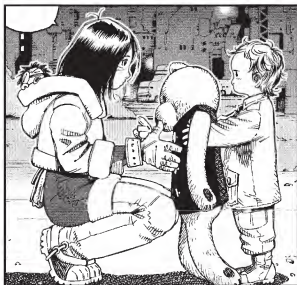
New Characters

Friend or enemy! Young or old! Man or woman!
Create unique minor characters!

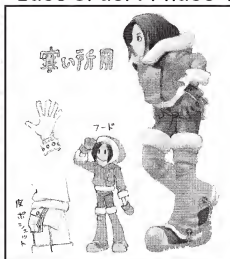
New Costumes

The protagonist Alita will wear the new
costumes you've thought up!

New Costumes that we've used so far



Last Order: Phase 19-



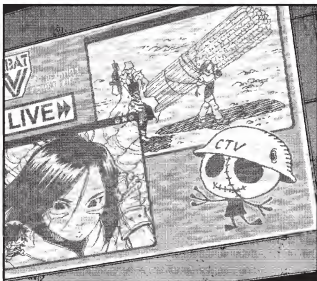
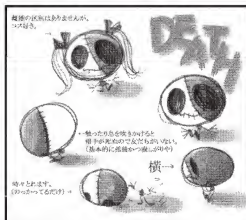
"Cold-weather jacket"
Shizumen-san, Saitama Prefecture

New Characters that we've used so far

Last Order: Phase 21-

"DEATH"

Hyakkimaru-san, Tokyo



New Characters that we've used so far

Last Order: Phase 26-



"Qu Tsang"
RAKUGAKI-san,
Tokyo



"Blue"
thi-san, Hong Kong



Guntroll
Director

Caerula
Sanguis



Guntroll
Captain
Qu
Tsang

"Leibniz"
Kurachika Minura-san,
Kanagawa Prefecture



Guntroll
Guardian
Niz



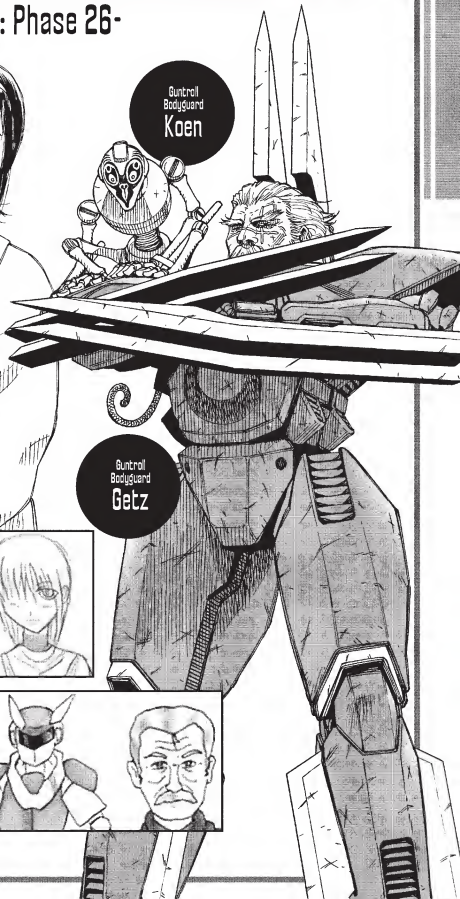
New Characters that we've used so far

Last Order: Phase 26-



Guntroll
Guardian
Saya

"Saya"
fox-san, Aichi Prefecture



Guntroll
Bodyguard
Koen

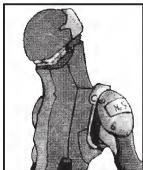
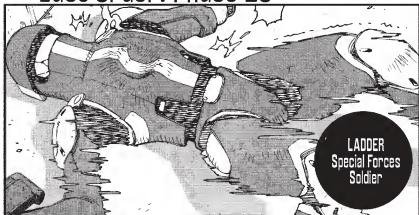
Guntroll
Bodyguard
Getz



"Getz," "Koen"
Kurachika Mimura-san,
Kanagawa Prefecture

New Characters that we've used so far

Last Order: Phase 26-



"Solar system riot cop"
Uguisu-san,
Nara Prefecture

"Yanni"
Meshidoki-san, Tokyo



"Derossi"
Mimura Kurachika-san,
Kanagawa Prefecture



Machinist cyborg whose hobbies are building live steam locos and collecting retro things.

Last Order: Phase 35-



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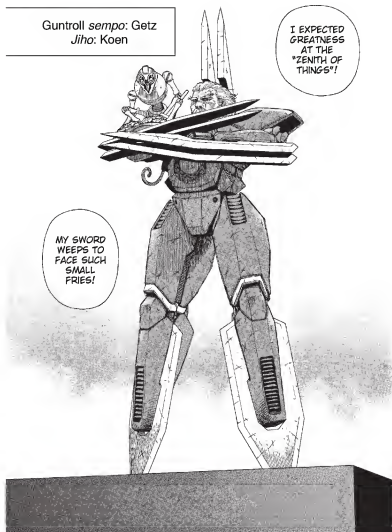
Battle Angel Alita: Last Order

Translation Notes

Battle Angel Alita: Last Order refers to many esoteric scientific concepts that Mr. Kishiro is only too eager to explain in his thorough footnotes, but that doesn't mean there aren't still nuances in the original Japanese that might be tough to put into English. In this section, we'll discuss some of those translation decisions.

Sempo/jiho, page 282:

The Japanese word for "vanguard," *sempo* also refers to the first member of a five-member martial arts team. These are usually used in kendo or judo team competitions, though in these the five warriors spar one-on-one, not in a free-for-all as in the ZOTT. The second warrior is the *jiho*, which means, literally, "next weapon."



Chuken/fukusho, page 323:

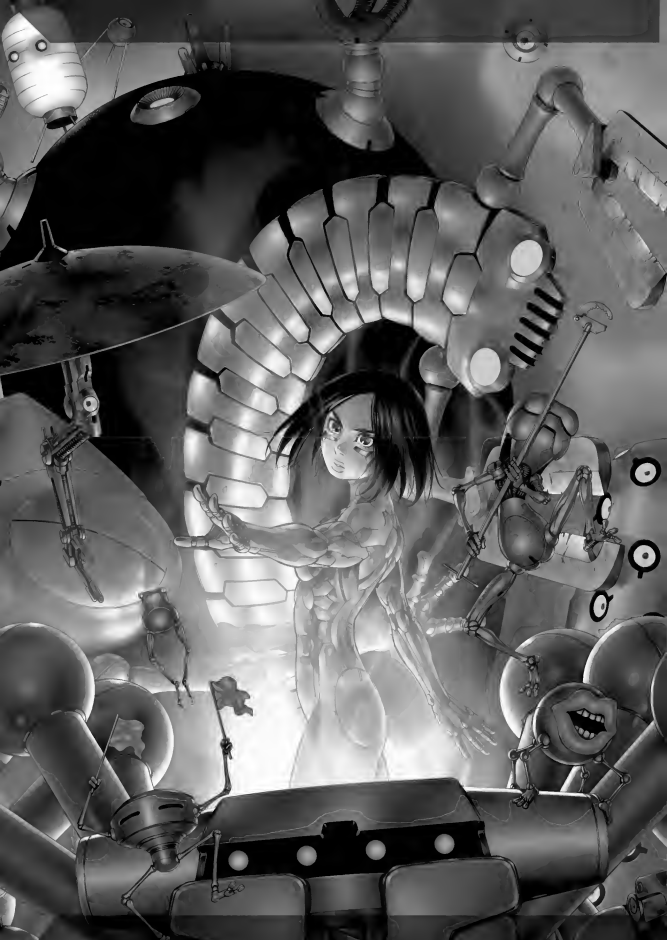
The next two warriors, in order, are the *chuken* (literally “main force”) and the *fukusho*, or “second-in-command.” The final warrior (Caerula Sanguis for Guntroll) is the *taisho*, or “general.”



Cover Gallery



This cover was used for the original Vol. 2 graphic novel of Battle Angel Alita: Last Order.



This cover was used for the original Vol. 3 graphic novel of Battle Angel Alita: Last Order.



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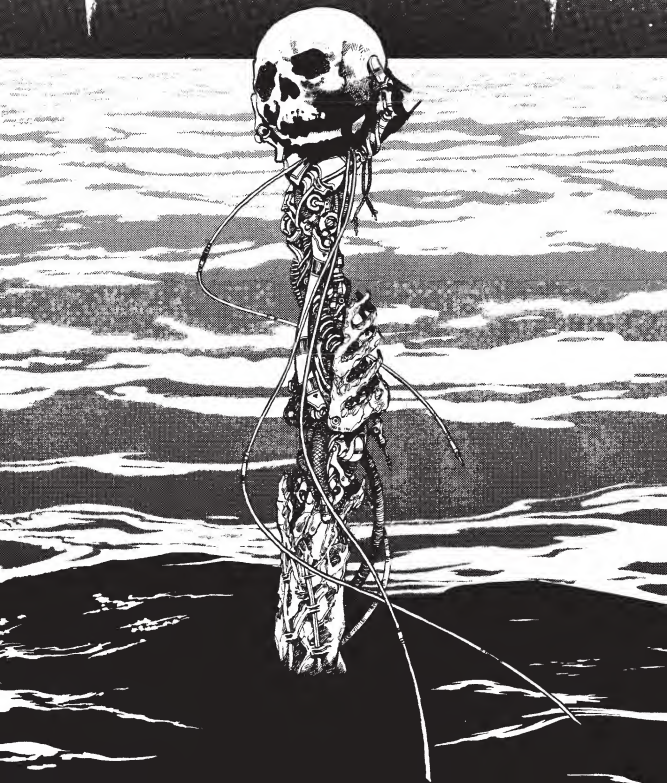


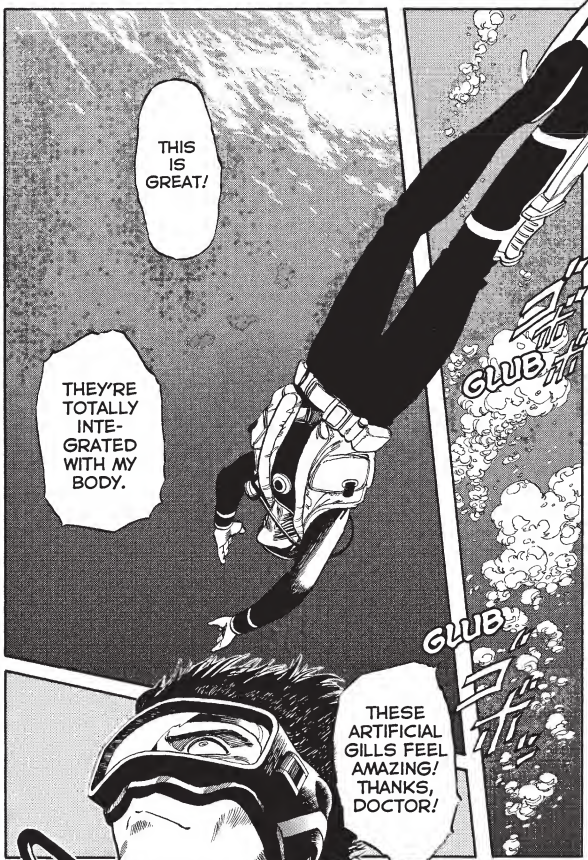
This cover was used for the original Vol. 5 graphic novel of Battle Angel Alita: Last Order.

Bonus Manga

Kodansha Comics is pleased to bring you two early short stories by Yukito Kishiro never before published in English. “Planet of Depths” (“*Kaiyousei*”) originally appeared in the Nov. 9, 1988 issue of the magazine Big Comic Spirits, published by Shogakukan. “Future Tokyo Headman” (“*Mirai Tokyo HEADMAN*”) first ran in the Sept. 1, 1991 issue of Weekly Shonen Sunday, also from Shogakukan.

The Planet of Depths





THIS
IS
GREAT!

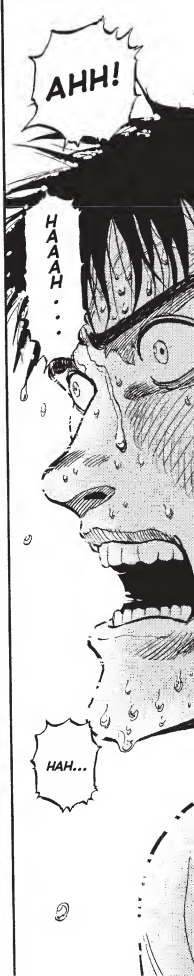
THEY'RE
TOTALLY
INTE-
GRATED
WITH MY
BODY.

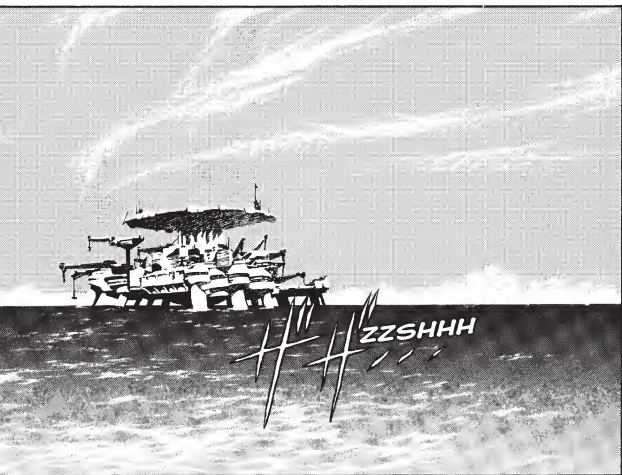
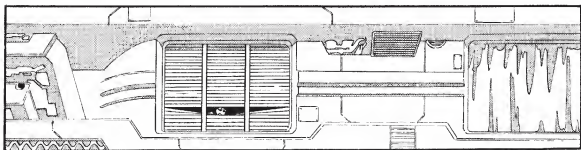
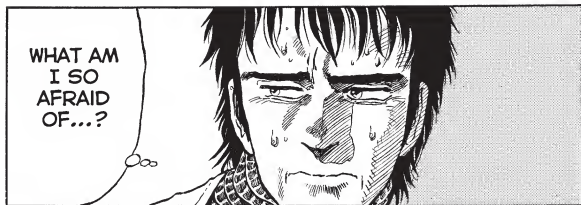
THESE
ARTIFICIAL
GILLS FEEL
AMAZING!
THANKS,
DOCTOR!

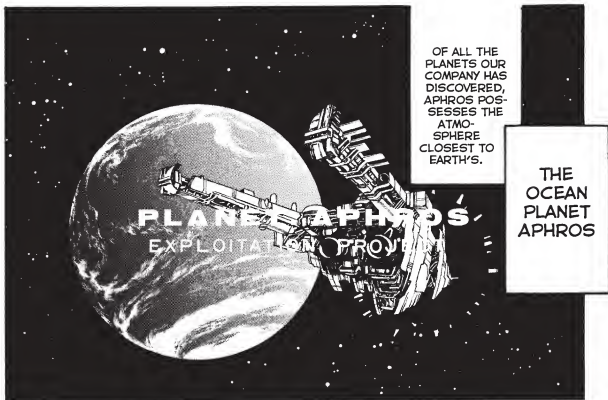
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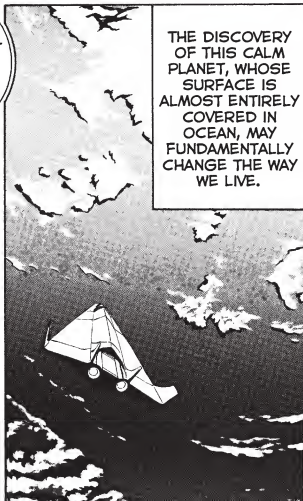


OF ALL THE
PLANETS OUR
COMPANY HAS
DISCOVERED,
APHROS POS-
SESSES THE
ATMO-
SPHERE
CLOSEST TO
EARTH'S.

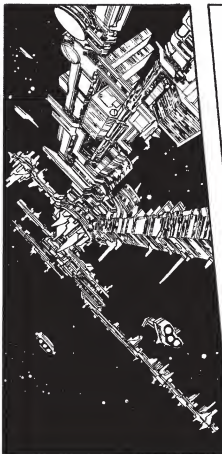
THE
OCEAN
PLANET
APHROS



THIS
IS OUR
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT!

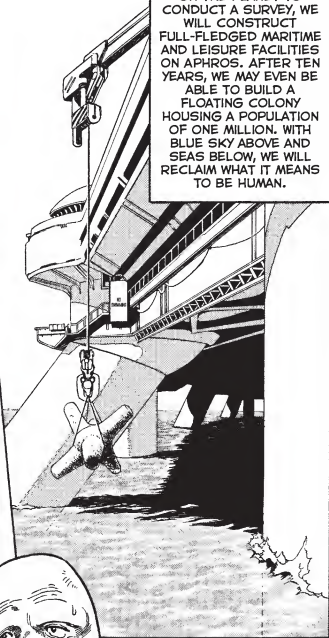


THE DISCOVERY
OF THIS CALM
PLANET, WHOSE
SURFACE IS
ALMOST ENTIRELY
COVERED IN
OCEAN, MAY
FUNDAMENTALLY
CHANGE THE WAY
WE LIVE.



FOUR CENTURIES HAVE ALREADY PASSED SINCE MAN MADE SPACE HIS HOME. WE BELIEVE THIS PROJECT HAS EVEN GREATER MEANING IN AN AGE WHEN WE HAVE LOST ALL MEMORIES OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

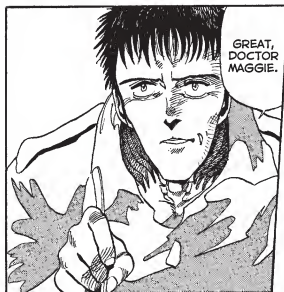
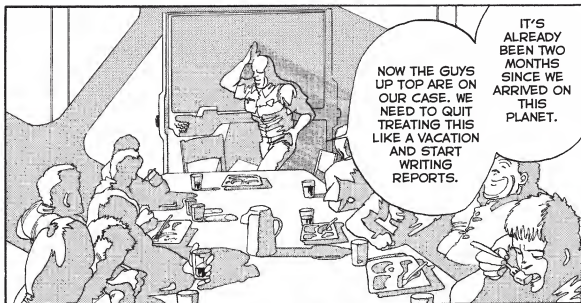
ONE YEAR AFTER INSTALLING A PLATFORM ON THE PLANET TO CONDUCT A SURVEY, WE WILL CONSTRUCT FULL-FLEDGED MARITIME AND LEISURE FACILITIES ON APHROS. AFTER TEN YEARS, WE MAY EVEN BE ABLE TO BUILD A FLOATING COLONY HOUSING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION. WITH BLUE SKY ABOVE AND SEAS BELOW, WE WILL RECLAIM WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN.

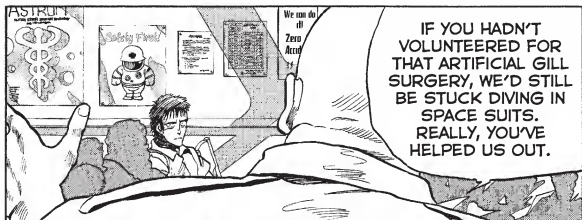


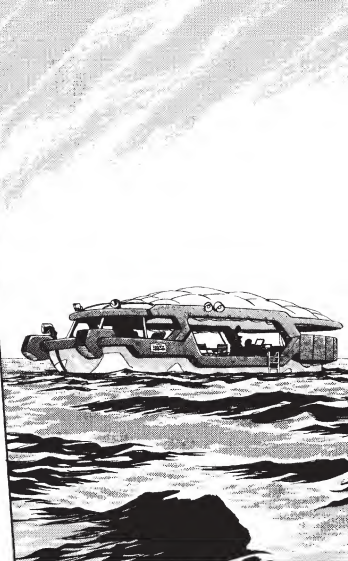
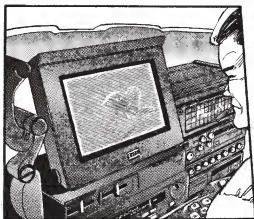
MAKING THAT COMMERCIAL IS ABOUT ALL WE'VE DONE.

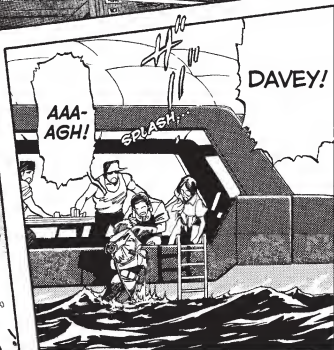
WELL,
SO FAR,











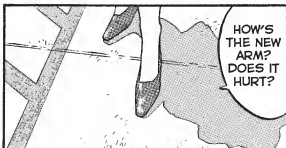


THERE'S A
MONSTER
DOWN
THERE....!

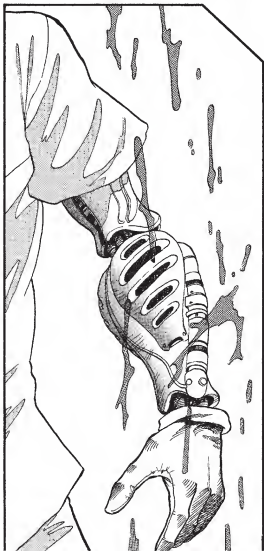
A
MONSTER!

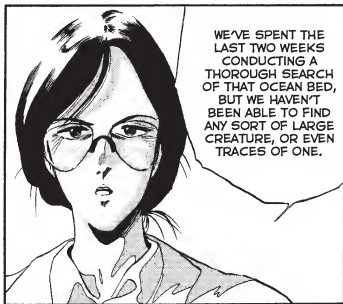
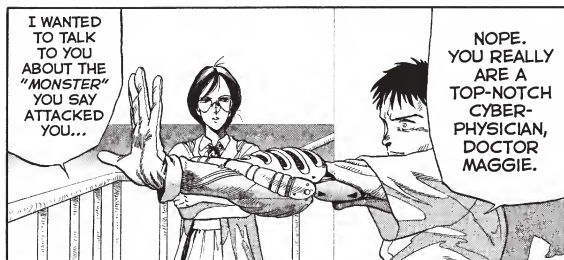


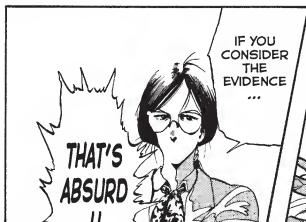
GRIP



HOW'S
THE NEW
ARM?
DOES IT
HURT?



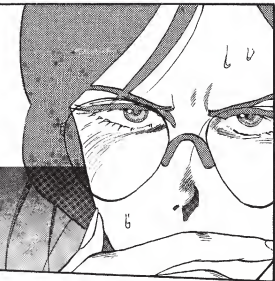




I JUST
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.
HAS DAVEY
GONE
INSANE?

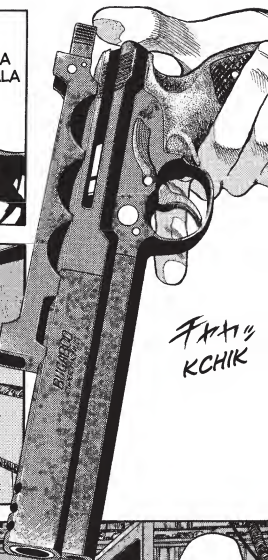
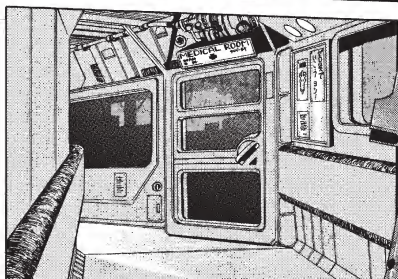
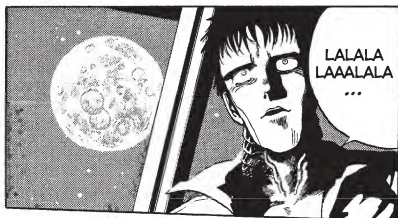
OR IS
THERE
REALLY
SOME
SORT OF
MONSTER
IN THIS
OCEAN?

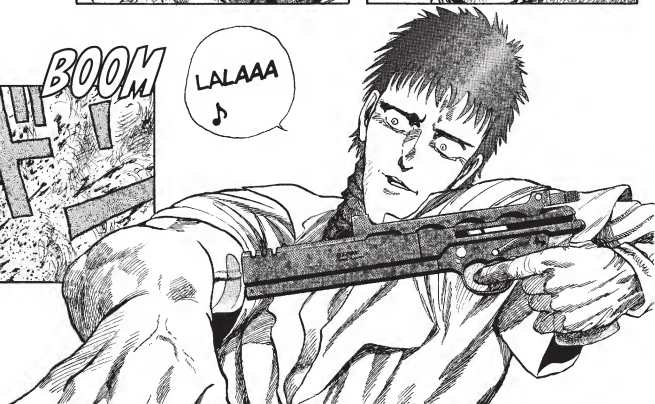
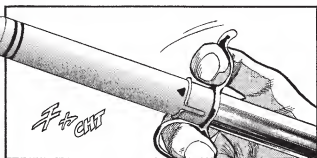
WATER...
THAT
UNDULATING
MASS OF
LIFE...
THE SEA.

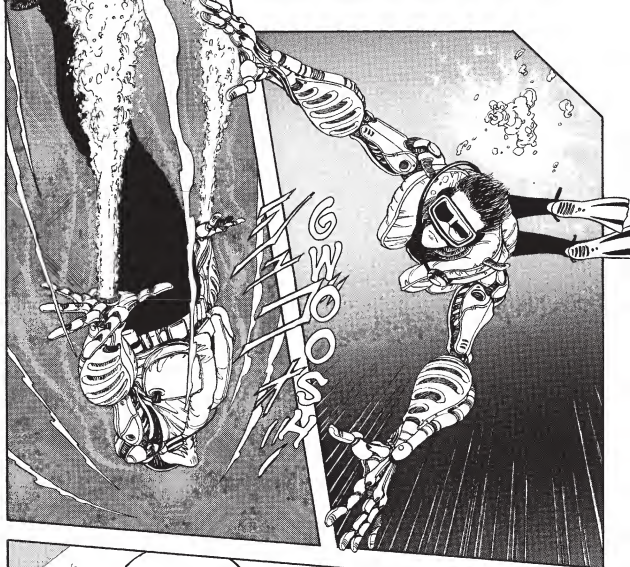


ZZSSHHHH...





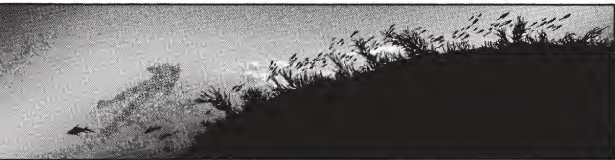




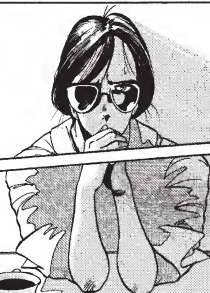
SO YOU'RE SAYING
WE SHOULD SEND
DAVEY BACK TO
THE MOTHERSHIP
BY FORCE,
DOCTOR MAGGIE?

AND AFTER BOTH OF
HIS ARMS WERE
CYBERNETIZED, HE'S
BECOME SHOCKINGLY
DEVOTED TO HIS
WORK. AT THE RATE
HE'S GOING, WE CAN
MAKE UP FOR THAT
LOST TIME.

WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT
HIS LITTLE SCARE
WITH THE "MONSTER"
WREAKED HAVOC ON
THE SURVEY
SCHEDULE, BUT HE
ADMITS NOW THAT HE
WAS HALLUCINATING...

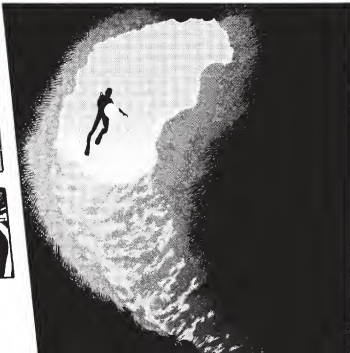


CHIEF...
I CAN NO
LONGER
UNDERSTAND
WHAT THAT
MAN IS
THINKING...!



I HAVE A...
A TERRIBLE
FEELING!
I THINK...

BOTH OF
HIS ARMS...
AN ACCIDENT?
THAT'S
NONSENSE!
WHAT...
WHAT THE HELL
IS GOING ON IN
HIS HEAD...?

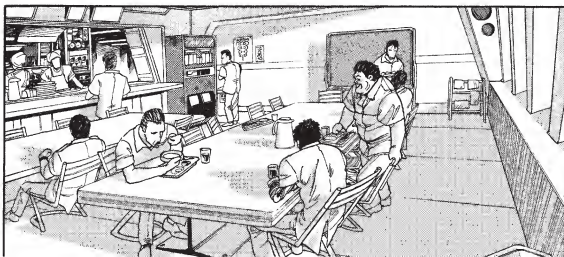


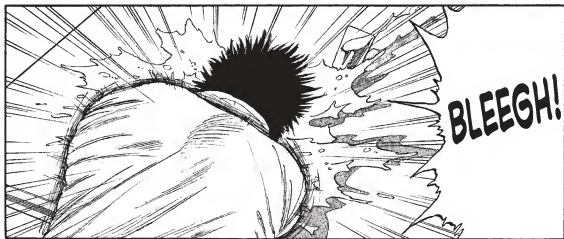


HYAAAGH!!



HYAAAGH!!







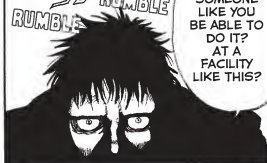
A FULLY
CYBORG BODY.
EVERYTHING
MECHANIZED,
EXCEPT FOR
THE BRAIN.



IS IT TRUE THAT IF
YOU BEGIN WORK
WITHIN TEN
MINUTES OF
CARDIAC DEATH,
IT'S ALMOST
GUARANTEED THAT
SOMEONE CAN BE
REBORN AS A
CYBORG?

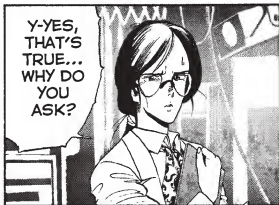


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RUMBLE
RUMBLE



AND WOULD
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU
BE ABLE TO
DO IT?
AT A
FACILITY
LIKE THIS?

Y-YES,
THAT'S
TRUE...
WHY DO
YOU
ASK?



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TREMBLE
TREMBLE



YES, I
COULD.
WHY ARE
YOU ASKING
SOMETHING
LIKE
THAT?!

Y...

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TREMBLE

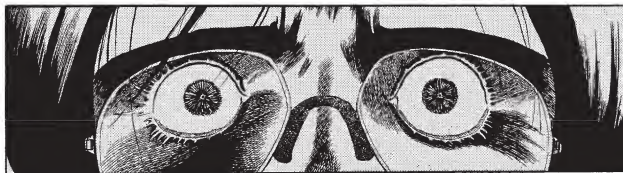


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TREMBLE

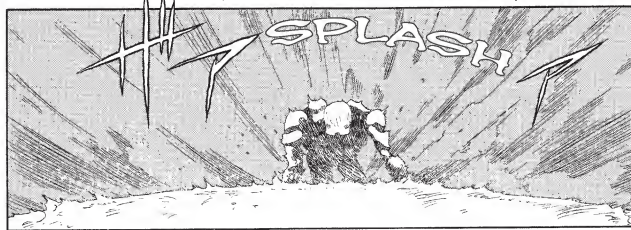
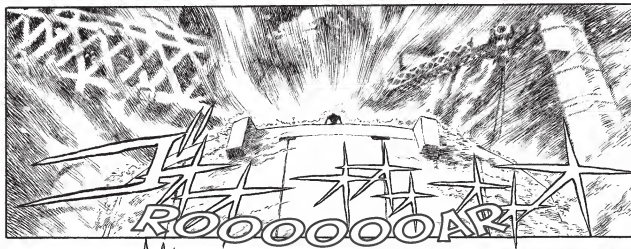
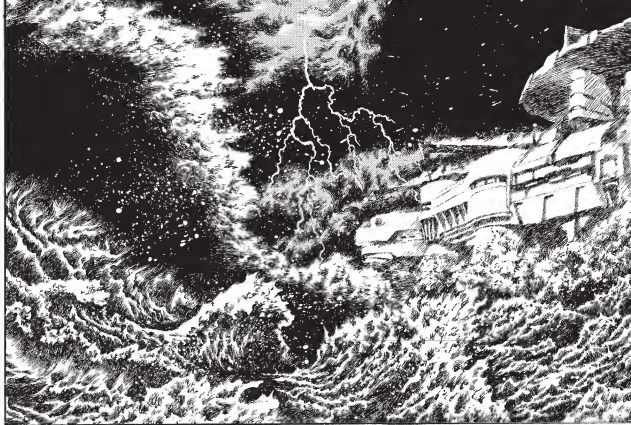
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CHANG!

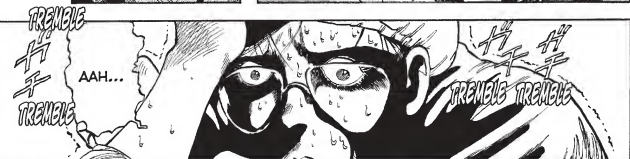
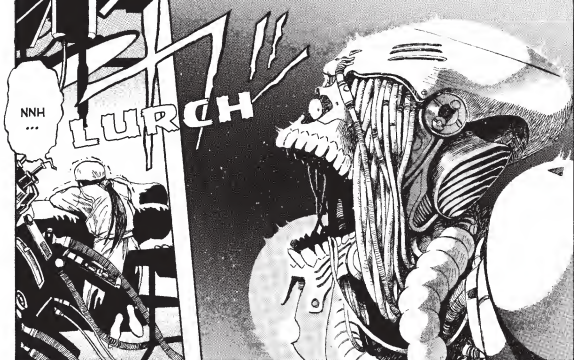






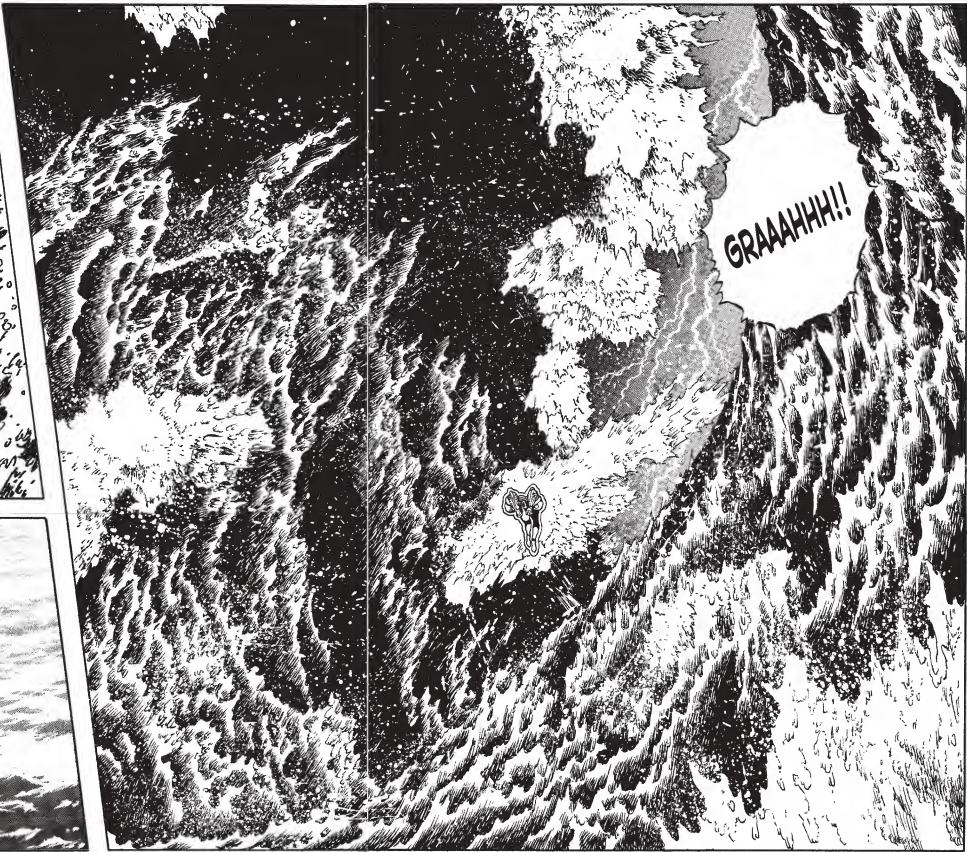
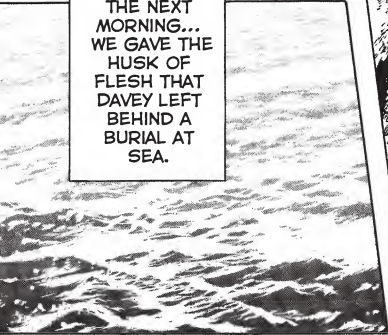




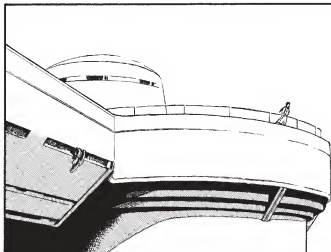




THE NEXT
MORNING...
WE GAVE THE
HUSK OF
FLESH THAT
DAVEY LEFT
BEHIND A
BURIAL AT
SEA.



GRAAAHHH!!



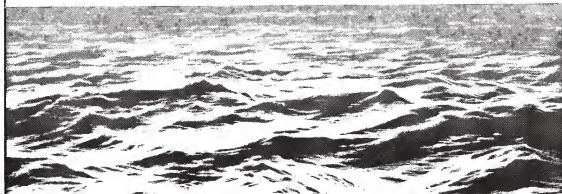
NOW THAT HE
HAS THE BODY
HE WANTED, IS
DAVEY STILL
SOMEWHERE IN
THE OCEAN,
FIGHTING THAT
SEA MONSTER?

IN THAT CASE, HE
CYBERNETIZED
HIS BODY TO
PROTECT HIS
SELF. HE
WANTED TO
BECOME AN
ETERNAL,
FOREIGN BODY
THAT WOULD
NEVER BE
SWALLOWED UP
BY THE SEA...



OR WAS
THE
MONSTER
HE FEARED
AND
REJECTED
LIFE
ITSELF, HIS
OWN BODY
INCLUDED
...?

THEN AGAIN...
PERHAPS
DAVEY'S
MADNESS IS
SYMBOLIC OF
MY FATE...
AND OF
YOURS.



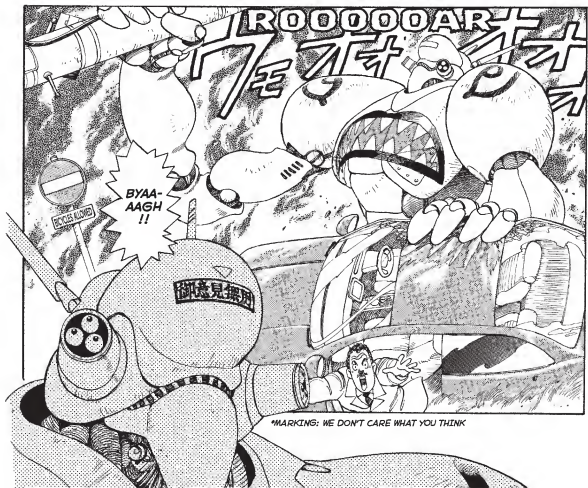
FUTURE TOKYO HEADMAN

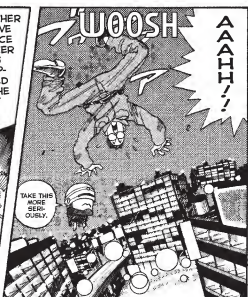


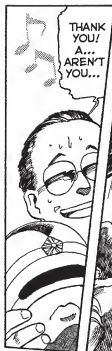


*MOVIE POSTER: OTOKO WA TSURAI YO: TORAJIRO GOES TO MARS

*SIGN: MAJOR DISCOUNTS





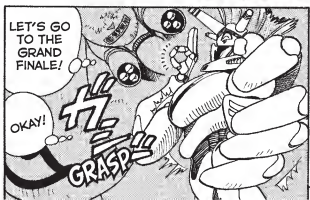


THE
SUPER
CYBORG,

**FUTURE TOKYO
HEADMAN**

THOSE
STANDING
AFAR, LISTEN
UP! THOSE
NEARBY, COME
CLOSER AND
TAKE A LOOK!
STANDING
BEFORE YOU IS
THE DEFENDER
OF JUSTICE...

BOOON





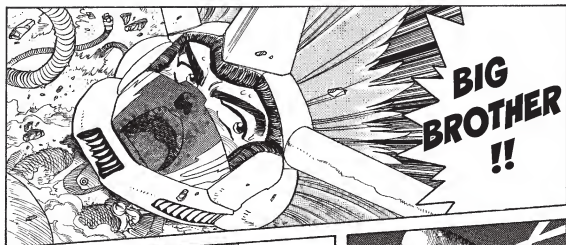
HE'S UP AGAINST
A NIPPON
ASTRUM-MADE
MILITARY-USE
HEAVY CYBORG,
THE
DAIDARABOTCHI
AF-40 TYPE-1!



I WANT TO
SEE IT WITH
MY OWN
EYES!

WHO
THE
HECK
IS THIS
GUY?

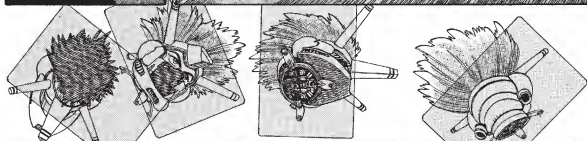
GRIP
7%





ボッシュ
BWOOSH

NEXT BODY
PLEASE!!

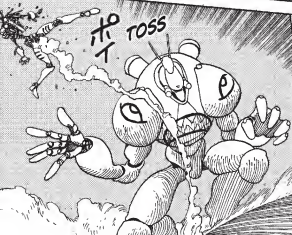




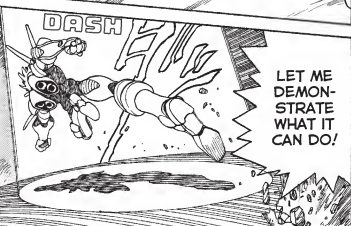
THIS IS THE
TOKYO
CYBERNETIC-
MADE
SUSANOH A-2
HEADMAN
MODEL!

ALL
RIGHT!
TIME TO
SHOW
OFF THE
NEW
HEADMAN
BODY!

CHATTER
7171 CHATTER

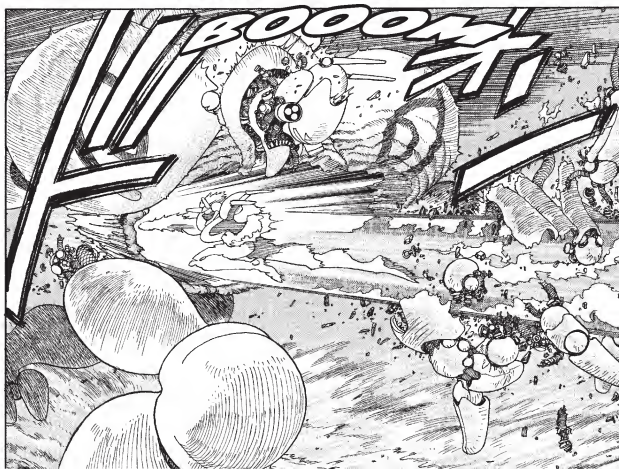
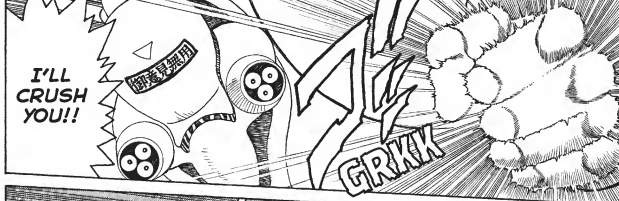


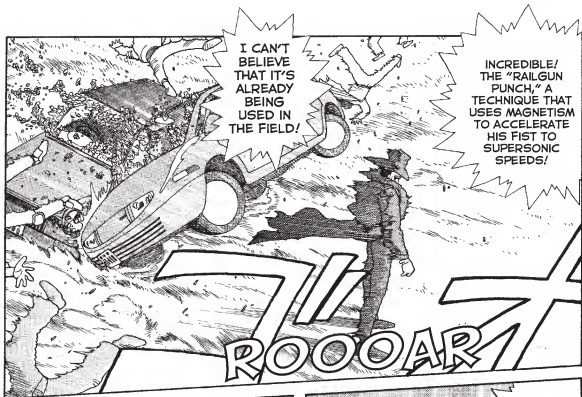
TOSS



DASH

LET ME
DEMON-
STRATE
WHAT IT
CAN DO!

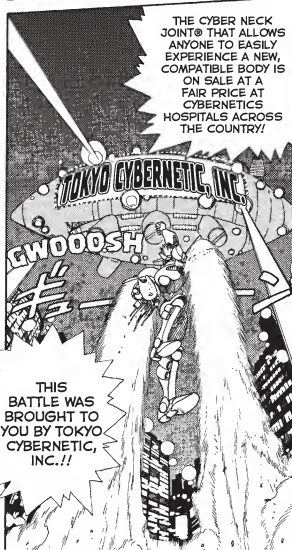




I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT IT'S ALREADY BEING USED IN THE FIELD!

INCREDIBLE! THE "RAILGUN PUNCH," A TECHNIQUE THAT USES MAGNETISM TO ACCELERATE HIS FIST TO SUPERSONIC SPEEDS!

ROOOAR



THE CYBER NECK JOINT® THAT ALLOWS ANYONE TO EASILY EXPERIENCE A NEW, COMPATIBLE BODY IS ON SALE AT A FAIR PRICE AT CYBERNETICS HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY!

GWOOSH

THIS BATTLE WAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY TOKYO CYBERNETIC, INC.!!



THE VILLAIN HAS BEEN DEFEATED !!

SNAP
SNAP

GOODBYE, EVERYONE, AND REMEMBER: YOUR HEAD IS UNIQUE, SO TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT!



DOES
HEADMAN
ALWAYS
TAKE HIS
OPPONENT'S
HEAD WITH
HIM?

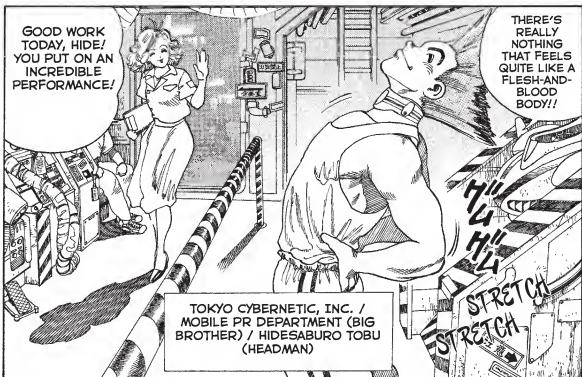
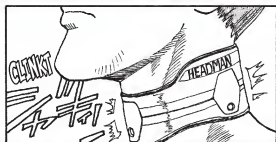
YEP.

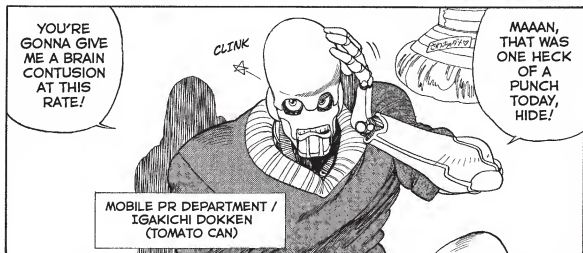
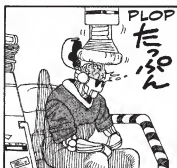
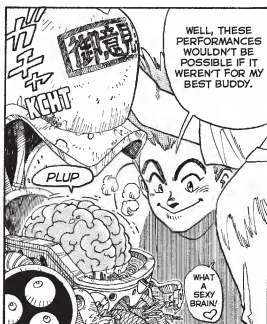
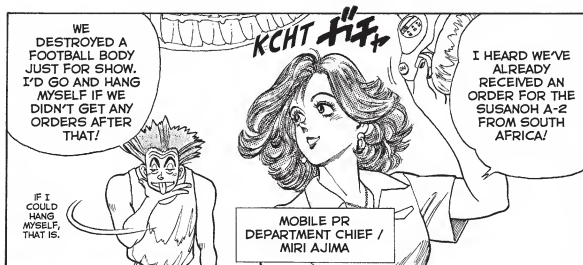
BUT JUST WAIT.
I, THE
UNDEFEATED
TECHNO-MANIAC
GEPARD
DOPPEL...

WILL
EXPOSE
YOU FOR
WHO YOU
REALLY
ARE,
HEADMAN!!

IN THE
MEANTIME,
KEEP THAT
PRETTY
LITTLE HEAD
OF YOURS
ON TIGHT
...!

YOU'RE
PRETTY
GOOD AT
DOING
BUSINESS,
TOKYO
CYBERNETIC.





HEISEI 65
(2053 A.D.)
CAPITAL #2:
TOKYO

WITH IT, THEY
COMPLETELY
OVERTURNED THE
OLD, DARK
IMAGE THE
PUBLIC HELD
ABOUT CYBORG
PARTS!

IN 2050, TOKYO
CYBERNETIC, THEN
AN UNKNOWN
SUBCONTRACTOR
FOR CYBORG PARTS
MANUFACTURERS,
RELEASED THE
CYBER NECK JOINT.

THE GREATEST
ADVANTAGE OF
THE CYBER NECK
JOINT IS THE
EASE WITH WHICH
USERS CAN
RETURN TO THEIR
ORIGINAL BODIES.

CYBER SPORTS!

THIS USHERED IN AN
AGE WHERE PARTS
WERE USED AS MORE
THAN JUST
PROSTHETICS FOR
PEOPLE WHO HAD
LOST BODY PARTS
DUE TO ACCIDENTS
OR OTHER
CIRCUMSTANCES.
NOW, EVEN FULLY
HEALTHY PEOPLE
COULD ENJOY USING
CYBORG BODIES AS
SPORT!

MEGA
JAPAN
12
ENTERPRISE
ALLIANCE

THE MEGA JAPAN 12
ENTERPRISE
ALLIANCE, OR THE
MJ-12, WHICH HELD
A MONOPOLY ON
THE CYBER PARTS
MARKET, PLACED
PRESSURE ON
HOSPITALS AND ON
THE MEDIA IN AN
ATTEMPT TO CRUSH
TOKYO CYBERNETIC.

HOWEVER, IN
THIS WORLD
WE LIVE IN,
THE NAIL
THAT STICKS
OUT GETS
HAMMERED
DOWN!!

YEAH!
GET 'EM,
GALIVAN!!

LASER
BLADE!!

UNABLE TO
RUN
COMMERCIALS
ON
TELEVISION,
TOKYO
CYBERNETIC
WAS IN DIRE
STRAITS, BUT
THEN....!!

GET ME
GENGE,
THE HEAD
OF DEVELOP-
MENT!
THIS IS
URGENT!!

I'VE COME
UP WITH THE
IDEA THAT
WILL SAVE
OUR
COMPANY!!

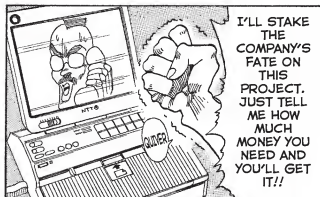
T...
THAT'S
IT!

HEY!

CLATA CLATA

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TOKYO CYBERNETIC, INC.
/ PRESIDENT / KYOUSEN
SAIBANE (81)

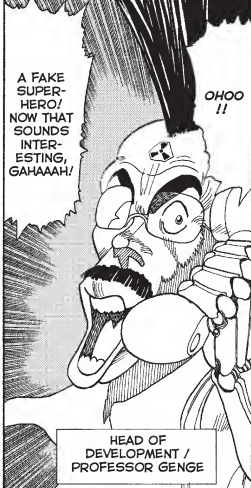


I'LL STAKE
THE
COMPANY'S
FATE ON
THIS
PROJECT.
JUST TELL
ME HOW
MUCH
MONEY YOU
NEED AND
YOU'LL GET
IT!!



IF THEY FIND
US OUT,
WE'LL BE
HEADED TO
THE SLAMMER
FOR SURE,
WOOP WOOP!!

HOW-
EVER,
THIS IS
ALL
TOP-
SECRET
BUS-
INESS!

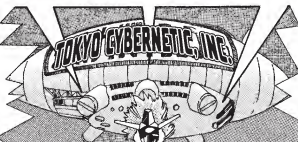


A FAKE
SUPER-
HERO!
NOW THAT
SOUNDS
INTER-
ESTING,
GAHAAAH!

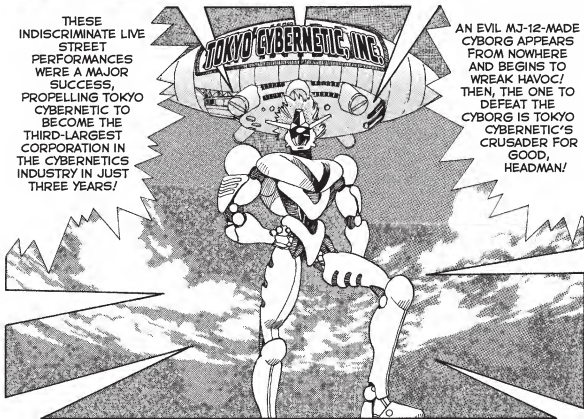
OHOO
!!

HEAD OF
DEVELOPMENT /
PROFESSOR GENGE

THESE
INDISCRIMINATE LIVE
STREET
PERFORMANCES
WERE A MAJOR
SUCCESS,
PROPELLING TOKYO
CYBERNETIC TO
BECOME THE
THIRD-LARGEST
CORPORATION IN
THE CYBERNETICS
INDUSTRY IN JUST
THREE YEARS!



AN EVIL MJ-12-MADE
CYBORG APPEARS
FROM NOWHERE
AND BEGINS TO
WREAK HAVOC!
THEN, THE ONE TO
DEFEAT THE
CYBORG IS TOKYO
CYBERNETIC'S
CRUSADER FOR
GOOD,
HEADMAN!



W...
WHAT THE
HECK?
WHO IS
THIS
GUY?!



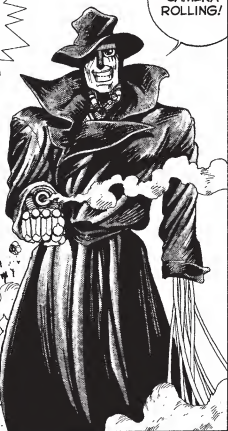
WAAAH/
HE KILLED
JAJATOMU!

HEH HEH
HEH...
BOYS AND
GIRLS OF
JAPAN, ARE
YOU ALL
WATCHING?!

I'M A BAAAD
MAN, AND I'VE COME
ALL THE WAY
FROM THE
FAR-AWAY
COUNTRY
OF
PRUSSIA!



KEEP
THE
CAMERA
ROLLING!



HEADMAN,
I
CHALLENGE
YOU!

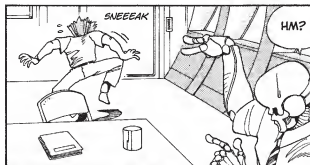


I'VE TAKEN THE LITTLE
BRATS VISITING THIS
STUDIO HOSTAGE!
CALL THE COPS IF YOU
WANT, BUT THEY'LL BE
NO MATCH FOR MY
CYBER POWERS! THE
MAN I REALLY WANT IS
HEADMAN!!



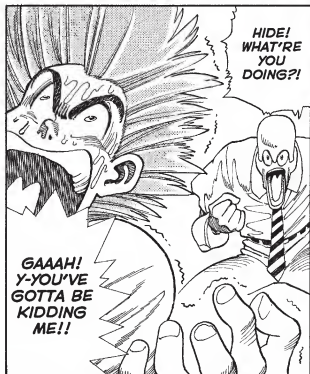
THAT'S
RIGHT, HIDE!
GET
REVENGE
FOR
JAJATOMU!

WHAAT?!
WHO THE
HELL DOES
THIS GUY
THINK HE
IS?!



SNEEEK

HM?



HIDE!
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?!

GAAAH!
Y-YOU'VE
GOTTA BE
KIDDING
ME!!



GO,
HIDESABURO
!!
FIGHT,
HEADMAN!!

BAM



I JUST
PLAY THE
PART OF A
CRUSADING
HERO!
I'VE GOT
NOTHING TO
DO WITH
REAL CRIME!

I'M
JUST A
REGULAR
EMPLOYEE
IN THE PR
DEPART-
MENT!



CHIEF!!
BUT... THE
CRIMINAL
IS REALLY
CHALLENG-
ING HIM!

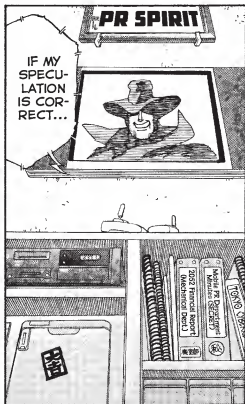
THAT'S RIGHT...
I GOT WORKED
UP, AND FOR A
SECOND, I
COULDN'T
DISTINGUISH
BETWEEN REALITY
AND FICTION...
I'M SORRY.



AND
THE
REASON
FOR
THAT
IS...

THEN I
DON'T
THINK
HEADMAN
WILL
COME TO
SAVE
THESE
CHILDREN
!!

WAAAAHHH
わーん



IF MY
SPECU-
LATION
IS COR-
RECT...

HE'S NO
HERO,
HE'S A
FALSE
IDOL!

MURMUR
さわ

HEADMAN HAS
NEVER BEEN
ANYTHING MORE
THAN A HUCKSTER
FOR TOKYO
CYBERNETIC! HIS
OPPONENTS ARE
IN ON THE FARCE,
TOO!

WHAAT
?!

THAT
STRANGE
MAN... HE
MUST BE A
TERRORIST
HIRED BY
MJ-12 IN
ORDER TO
EXPOSE
HEADMAN'S
SECRET!

O...
OH NO
!!

IF YOU DON'T
COME BY THEN,
IT WILL PROVE
THAT MY
REASONING WAS
CORRECT...
AND THESE
LITTLE BRATS
WILL DIE.

HEADMAN.
I'LL GIVE
YOU
FIFTEEN
MINUTES
TO SAVE
FACE.

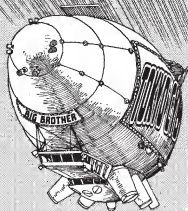
BEGIN
THE
COUNT-
DOWN!

0:15.5

BEEP

HA!!
BAM

HE SAYS THAT
IF YOU DON'T
DO ANYTHING,
WE'RE ALL
HEADED TO THE
SLAMMER,
WOOP WOOP!



HIDE, THIS IS
AN ORDER
FROM THE
PRESIDENT!
YOU HAVE TO
FIGHT THAT
CRIMINAL!



WHAT'RE
YOU
GONNA
DO IF I
DIE?!



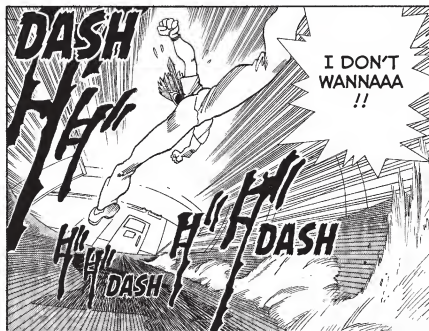
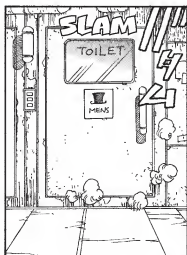
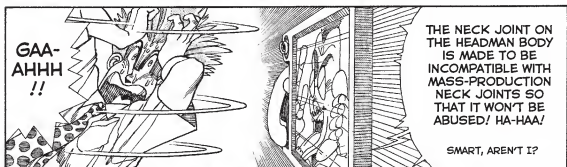
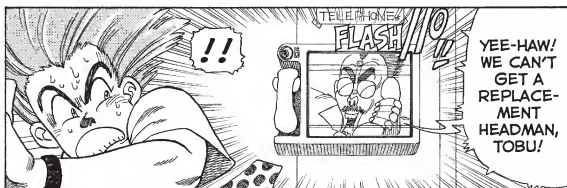
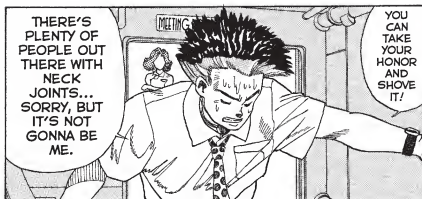
THAT'S CRAZY!
THIS ISN'T
IGAKICHI THAT
I'M GOING TO
BE FIGHTING,
IT'S A SERIOUS
KILLER!
W-WH... WHA...

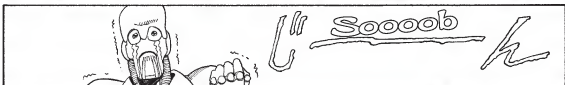
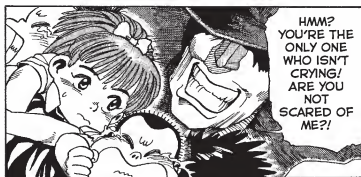


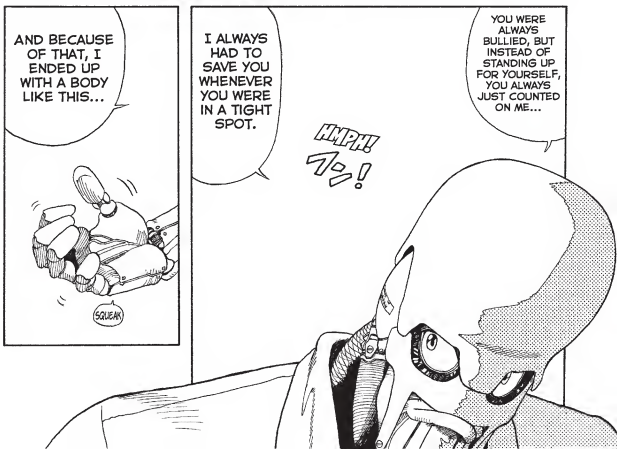
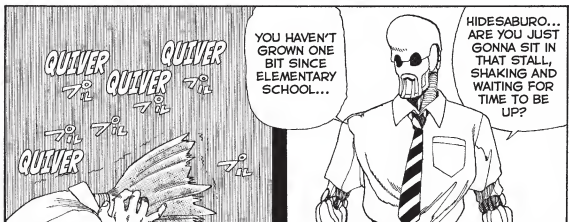
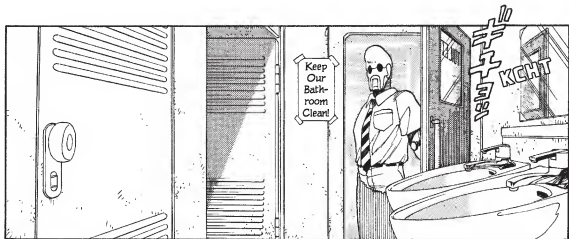
IT'S A
HAPPY
ENDING!



EVEN IF THAT
HAPPENS,
YOU'LL BE ABLE
TO PROTECT
HEADMAN'S
HONOR, AND
THE HONOR OF
THE COMPANY!







WE'VE BEEN
FRIENDS
SINCE WE
WERE KIDS!
AND YOU'RE
TRYING TO
TELL ME TO
DIE FOR THE
COMPANY'S
SAKE?!!

IGAKICHI

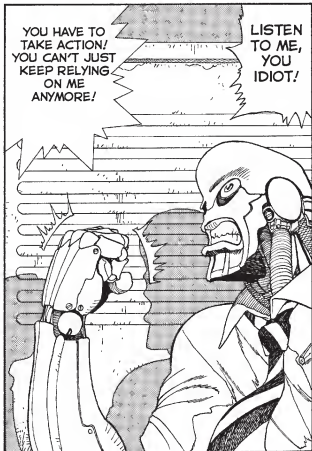
...
STOP
TRYING TO
GUILT
ME!!

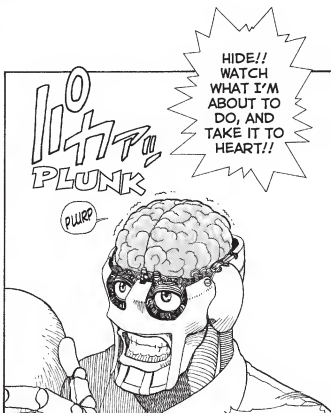
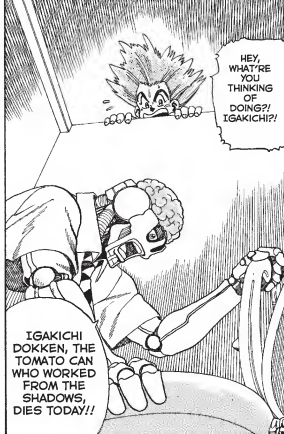
JUST
LEAVE
ME
ALONE!!

YOU'RE NOT DOING
THIS FOR THE
COMPANY!!!
YOU'RE DOING THIS
FOR EVERYONE WHO
BELIEVES IN YOU!!
YOU'RE FIGHTING
FOR THE
CHILDREN!!!

YOU HAVE TO
TAKE ACTION!
YOU CAN'T JUST
KEEP RELYING
ON ME
ANYMORE!

LISTEN
TO ME,
YOU
IDIOT!





I HAVE
TAKEN
YOUR
SACRIFICE
TO HEART,
IGAKICHI
...

IGAKICHI!!!

BOOOOOM



...I...

BLUB BLUB BLUB

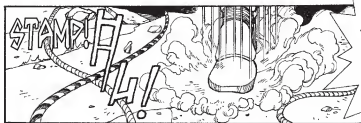
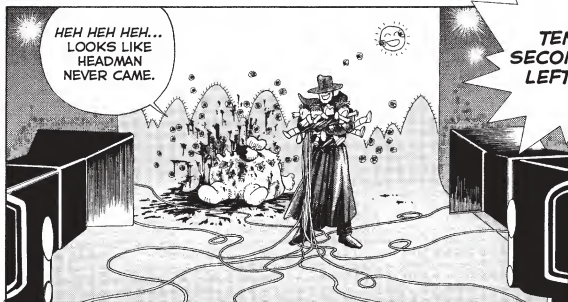
I SWEAR
TO YOU,
YOUR
DEATH
WILL NOT
BE IN
VAIN!!

THAT
WAS
NOTHING.

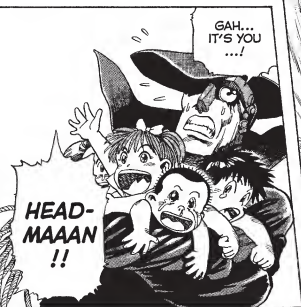
GOOD
WORK.
LOOKS
LIKE IT
WENT
WELL.

Mr. Iga





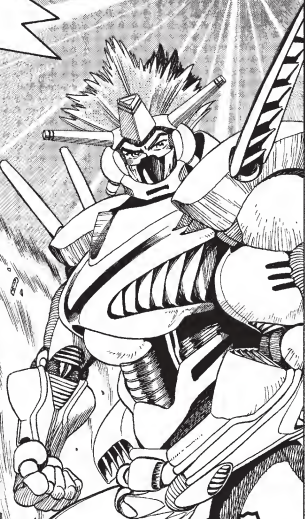
**HEADMAN
IS HERE!!**

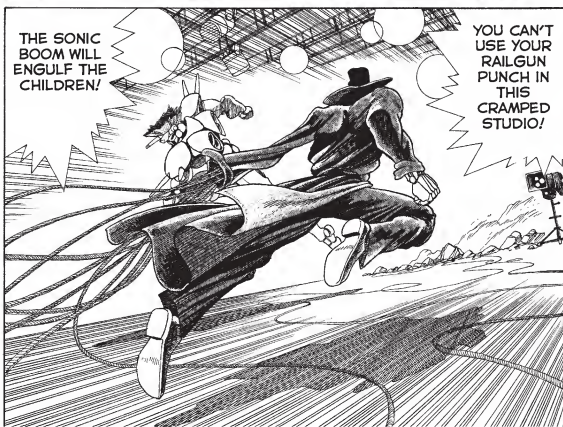
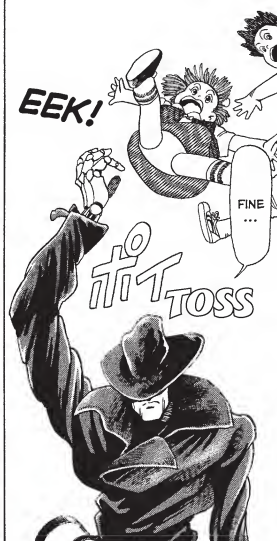


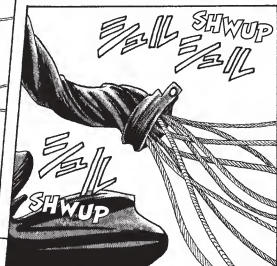
**NOW LET
THOSE
CHILDREN
GO!!**

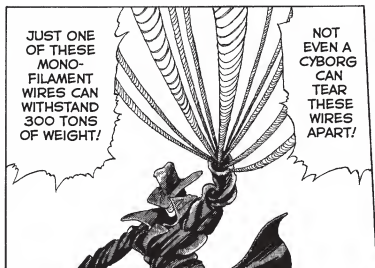
HOW
DARE YOU
SLANDER
HEADMAN'S
NAME WITH
YOUR
FOOLISH
INSULTS,
YOU VILLAIN!

BOOM



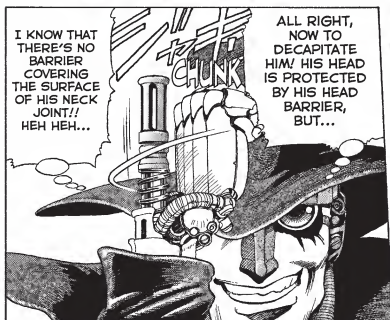






JUST ONE
OF THESE
MONO-
FILAMENT
WIRES CAN
WITHSTAND
300 TONS
OF WEIGHT!

NOT
EVEN A
CYBORG
CAN
TEAR
THESE
WIRES
APART!



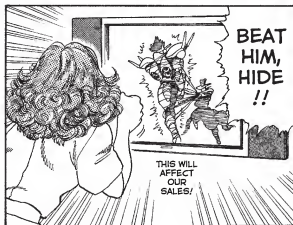
I KNOW THAT
THERE'S NO
BARRIER
COVERING
THE SURFACE
OF HIS NECK
JOINT!!
HEH HEH...

ALL RIGHT,
NOW TO
DECAPITATE
HIM! HIS HEAD
IS PROTECTED
BY HIS HEAD
BARRIER,
BUT...



AAGH!!

SNAP



BEAT
HIM,
HIDE
!!

THIS WILL
AFFECT
OUR
SALES!



YOU CAN
DO IT,
HEADMAN
!!

HEADMAN
DOESN'T
LOSE!

FLASH!

GRR...

SPIN!!

JERK

TWING

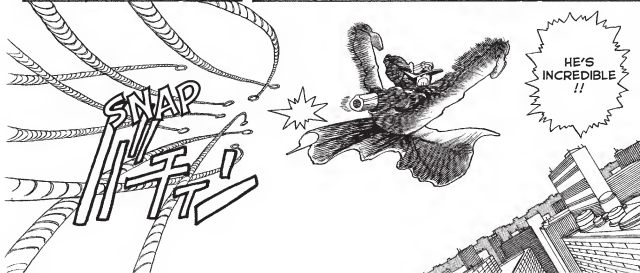
TWING

WUH?!

DRAAAG

SONUABITCH!

CHING



PREPARE
FOR MY
IRON FIST
OF
JUSTICE!!

HMPH!

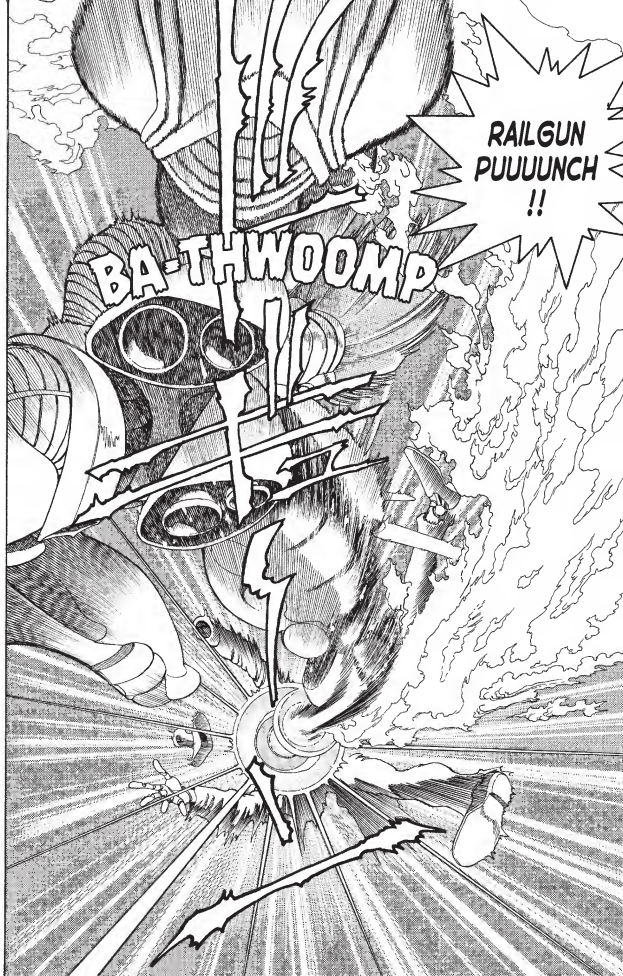
A
SWOOP

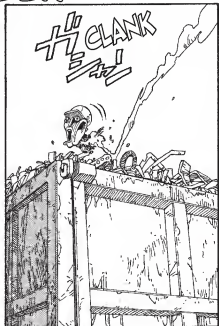
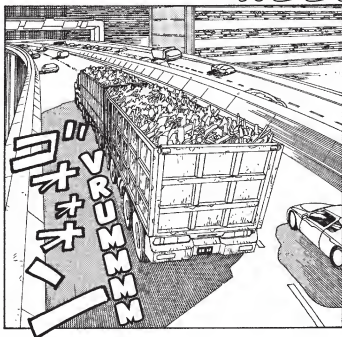
BAM

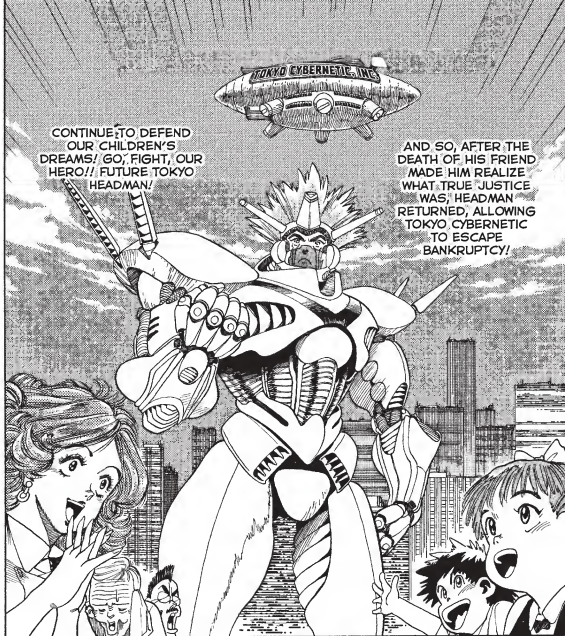
AH!

RAILGUN
PUUUUNCH
!!

BA-THWOOMP

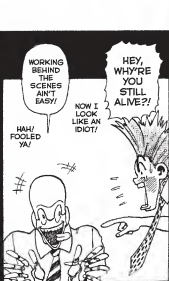






CONTINUE TO DEFEND
OUR CHILDREN'S
DREAMS! GO, FIGHT, OUR
HERO!! FUTURE TOKYO
HEADMAN!

AND SO, AFTER THE
DEATH OF HIS FRIEND
MADE HIM REALIZE
WHAT TRUE JUSTICE
WAS, HEADMAN
RETURNED, ALLOWING
TOKYO CYBERNETIC
TO ESCAPE
BANKRUPTCY!

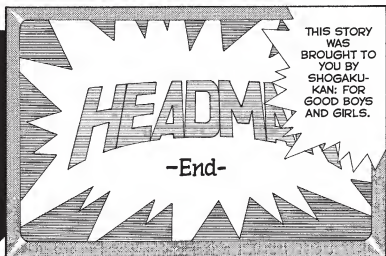


WORKING
BEHIND
THE
SCENES
AIN'T
EASY!

HAH!
FOOLED
YA!

NOW I
LOOK
LIKE AN
IDIOT!

HEY,
WHY'RE
YOU
STILL
ALIVE?!



THIS STORY
WAS
BROUGHT TO
YOU BY
SHOGAKU-
KAN: FOR
GOOD BOYS
AND GIRLS.

-End-

“Planet of Depths” & “Future Tokyo Headman” Translation Notes

“Planet of Depths,” page 597:

The original Japanese title is a play on words – “Kaiyousei” would normally be written with the characters for “Ocean Planet,” but the title has replaced the first character with a homophone meaning “mysterious.” I’ve tried to maintain this dual meaning in my title translation.

Otoko wa tsurai yo, page 630:

A reference to the long-running “Tora-san” series of films directed by Yoji Yamada and starring Kiyoshi Atsumi as Kuruma Torajiro (Tora-san), a traveling salesman. The series spanned 48 films, beginning in 1969 and ending in 1995, and was still running at the time this short was created.

We don’t care what you think, page 630:

A reference to the “Truck-*yaro*” series of films, consisting of ten 1970s movies directed by Noribumi Suzuki and starring Bunta Sugawara and Kinya Aikawa as rough truck drivers. The subtitle of the first film in the series was Goiken Muyo, or “We Don’t Care What You Think,” a phrase also printed on the side of this truck.

Daidarabotchi, page 634:

The *daidarabotchi* is a giant yokai, or supernatural creature in Japanese mythology.

Susanoh, page 637:

Susanoo, the Shinto god of storms and the sea, is among the most well-known Shinto gods.

Heisei, page 643:

Heisei is the name of the current era of the Japanese calendar. It began with the accession of Emperor Akihito to the throne in 1989, which means 2013 is Heisei 25. Akihito would need remarkable longevity for the era to last all the way to Heisei 65.

Videotapes, page 644:

Jikuu Senshi Spielban, *Sekai Ninja Sen Jiraiya*, and *Kido Senshi Jiban* are all programs from the Japanese “Metal Hero” *tokusatsu* action hero series produced by Toei. The Laser Blade is a frequently-used weapon in the series. While Galivan is not a character in the Metal Hero series, “Gavan” and “Sharivan” both are. Lower on the page are more references to *tokusatsu* series names, such as *Kaiketsu Zubat*, *Choudenshi Bioman*, *Daitetsujin 17*, *Tetsujin Tiger Seven*, *Kyodye*, *Barom 1*, *Lion-Maru*, *Akumaizer 3*, and *Henshin Ninja Arashi*.

With Mother, page 646:

With Mother (*Okaasan to Issho*) is a famous, long-running Japanese children’s television program. One of its best known segments during the 1980s and early 1990s was “Niko Niko Pun,” which featured characters named Piccolo, Jajamaru, and Porori.

Videotapes, page 650:

Robot Keiji, *Majin Hunter Mitsurugi*, *Ninja Captor*, *The Kagestar*, and *Goranger* are all 1970s *tokusatsu* action TV programs.

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This Japanese manga is
presented in its original
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That means you'll need to
turn this book over and start
from the other side.

Authentic manga is read the traditional Japanese way—from right to left, exactly the *opposite* of how American books are read. It's easy once you get the hang of it: Just go to the other end of the book, and read each page—and each panel—from the right side to the left side, starting at the top right. Now you're reading manga as it was meant to be!

